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or Clemence?
Top players give their views

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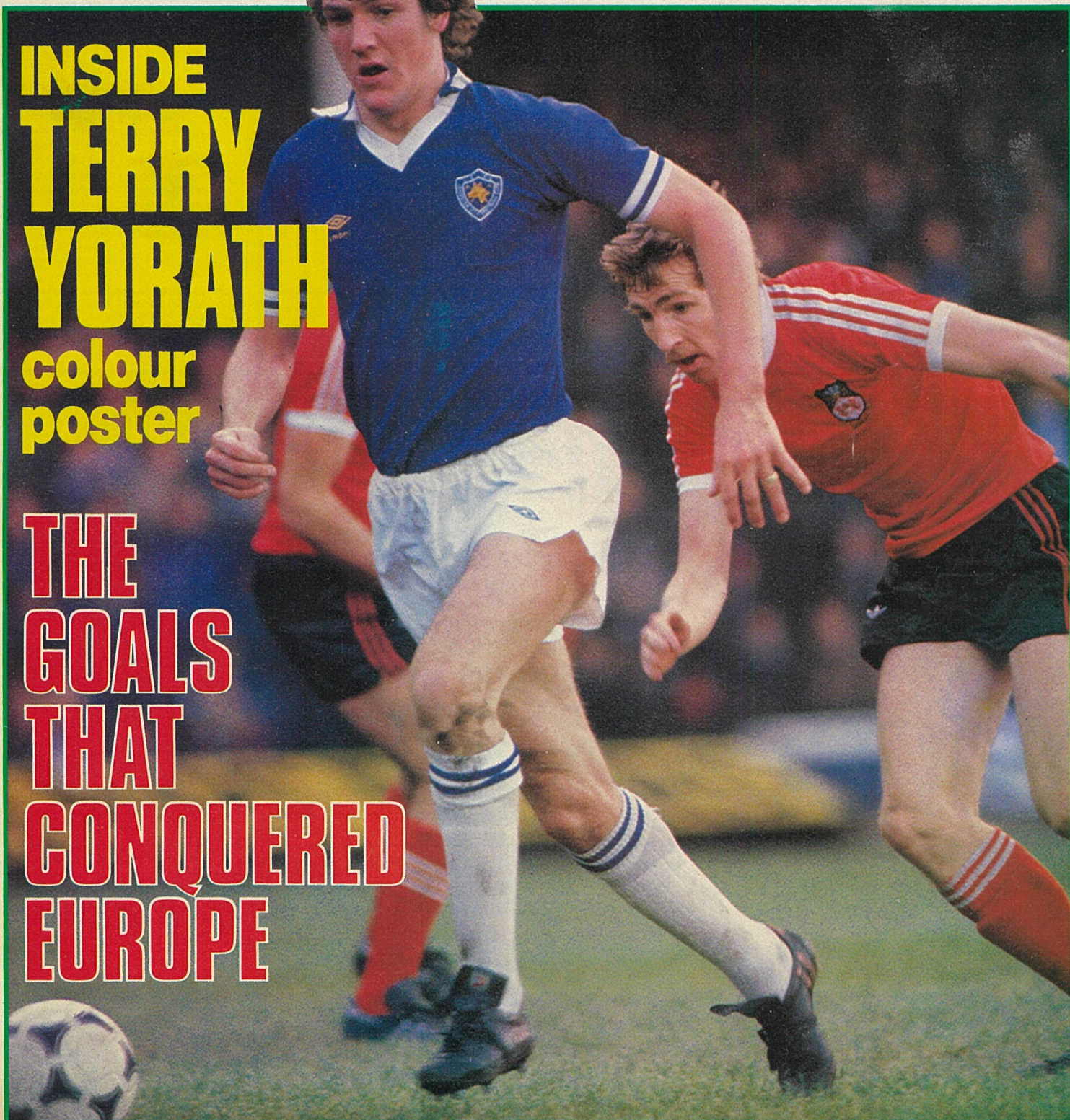
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It's make your mind up time

IN Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton England has probably the best TWO goalkeepers in the world. But whether that seemingly enviable situation has proved to be an advantage or disadvantage to our national team is open to debate.

One school of opinion supports Ron Greenwood's policy of swapping the two players around so that they take turns between the sticks. But the other believes that England would be better off if one of the players were to be consistently selected in front of the other.

The argument was brought to a head in the recent European Championships when Greenwood picked Ray Clemence for the first and third games against Belgium and Spain but selected Shilton for the second — and potentially most

difficult — game against Italy.

How, said the critics, can a defence settle into any sort of understanding or pattern of play when the 'keeper changes in every match?

Match Weekly believes that Ron Greenwood should make up his mind and stick to one of the two. Okay, so there is the risk of upsetting the other one... but if England's third choice 'keeper Joe Corrigan can stand in the wings for as long as he has and yet still remain loyal then why shouldn't Shilton or Clemence?

The question is... which player should Greenwood go for? Match Weekly has tried to find the answer in this issue by talking to a number of top stars in the game today to get their views. Many of them are strikers and their comments are based on the experiences they have had in



trying to beat both keepers.

We would also like to hear what YOU think — and for that reason we've included a special survey coupon on which you can give us your opinion. We'll be publishing the results of the survey in the not-too-distant future. Don't miss it... you might be surprised at the results.

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Jim Melrose in goalscoring form for Partick Thistle last season... from part-time soccer to the First Division.

Alan Young's vow

Leicester can make the top six

LEICESTER City's young braves are on the warpath for some famous scalps next season.

The warning comes from their big bustling Scottish striker Alan Young, who told Match: "We'll be disappointed if we don't finish in the top six."

Leicester, of course, enter the new campaign in the top flight as champions of the Second Division.

It might be argued however that they will do well to hold on to a mid-table position in the First Division.

But try telling that to Leicester manager Jock Wallace. He's determined to follow the success of last term by bringing more glory to Filbert Street.

"That's the kind of man the manager is. He's very

determined and very honest. I think we have the players here who can do it. But the manager knows his job and if he needs other players he'll do all he can to get them," said Young.

That's already reflected in the fact that Wallace only recently agreed to pay Partick Thistle a club record fee of £250,000 for striker Jim Melrose in a bid to strengthen his squad for the ultimate challenge.

Certainly if Young's appetite for football is anything to go by Leicester will lack nothing in effort next season.

"I've missed my football and I'm just getting the vibes again. I've been waiting a long time for this chance and I aim to make a charge," declared six-footer

Young, Leicester's top scorer last season with 14 League goals.

"We'll all be doing our best and if we learn as quickly as we did last season we should be all right."

Equally confident about making the step up from the Second Division is Sunderland's Stan Cummins.

"A lot of people are saying we'll struggle but I think we'll surprise them. We haven't lost for 14 games and I don't see any reason why we should start losing at home to teams like Everton who are our first opponents."

"We can score goals in the First — we'll only be up against 11 players and the gap between the First and top of the Second is not that big."

I FEEL SO BITTER — Colin Addison

SUNDERLAND manager Ken Knighton made a dramatic last-minute swoop to sign £150,000 Bolton defender Sam Allardyce from under the nose of Derby County.

But Rams boss Colin Addison is bitter about the deal. He said: "I waited six weeks before the player chose us rather than Norwich, now I feel cheated. Every detail had been agreed. I have told Allardyce what I feel. It was a real kick in the teeth."

Dudley-born Allardyce, who

has made more than 200 first team appearances in 10 years with Bolton, said: "I feel terrible, but I hope Colin understands my situation. My career is at stake."

"Sunderland's offer came right out of the blue — and they are a team I have always dreamed about joining."

His new manager told

MATCH: "His qualities are obvious. He has a load of experience and he is good in two penalty areas. He will be a great asset to us in the First Division."

After a pre-season tour of Norway, Allardyce's first big test will come on August 16, when he may face Everton's Bob Latchford in the opening fixture at Roker Park.

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Stan
Cummins'
highlight of the
season

A night of emotion

WINNING promotion with Sunderland has to be my highlight of 79/80. It was all on our last game with West Ham — make or break.

We were confident but there's always the danger of over confidence — after all the Hammers were bubbling after winning the Cup.

It was really tense before the match. We had been waiting ten days and we had been stewing over it. When we finally won the game it was a tremendously emotional moment.

It was a great season for me personally, although the problems of the early weeks made me think I was in for a terrible time.

I wasn't doing so well at Middlesbrough — I just didn't fit in and I had to move, but at that time I didn't know where I was going.

That was in November. Ken Knighton took a gamble on buying me, I didn't even have to move house and now I'm back in the First Division. It couldn't have worked out better.

From a general point of view I think

Nottingham Forest's victory in the European Cup for the second year running must go down as a great moment for British football. I know they took some stick over the way they won but winning is what football's all about.

Disappointments? My mind goes back to those early days of the season at Middlesbrough. I couldn't get in the team and it all added up to a very bleak future at the time.

Secondly it was a real shame that it didn't work out for England in the European Championship finals in Italy. I thought they were unlucky but I'm sure they have learned a lot in readiness for the World Cup.

Hopes for next season: I just want Sunderland to win something. We won the National 5-a-side competition last year but we all badly wanted to win the Second Division championship. I'd like to see Sunderland top team in the North East.



Above: Adorned with the scarves of his fans, Stan Cummins toasts Sunderland's promotion.



Forest double started our revival

Left: Brian Horton (right) congratulates Gary Williams (waving) who scored the goal which brought Brighton the League double over Nottingham Forest — one of Horton's highlights of last season.

Brian
Horton's
highlight of
the season

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UNDOUBTEDLY, the moments I remember were the two wins over Forest.

The first when Gerry Ryan's goal ended their long unbeaten run at home and the second when Gary Williams scored the only goal at home to complete the double and start our revival.

Kevin Keegan's performance against Eire also stood out for me. We'd gone up to Wembley to see our defender Mark Lawrenson marking Keegan, but although Mark played well Kevin stood out a mile, especially, with that chipped goal.

Starting the season so badly was one of the big

disappointments. Given even an average start, we would have been pushing for a Europe place with the run we had.

Arsenal, too, were our bogey team. We played them five times, and didn't score a goal.

England were a big disappointment in Italy. I still believe we have the best players, but they just didn't click together, though I thought Dave Watson, Phil Thompson and Ray Wilkins were outstanding.

Hopes? I've achieved my ambition to play in the First Division, now my aim is to win something . . . anything!

Generally, there's an

increasing need in football to entertain more. Certainly we'll be out to do that more this season now that we are established. Football, as was seen in Italy, has got very defensive and stereotyped. I'd like to see a return to open football with more players taking a chance to have a go from outside the box.

FROM apprentice to experienced campaigner, a professional soccer player's world is full of ups and downs . . . of hopes and shattered dreams. Match Weekly decided to find out the highlights,

disappointments and hopes of six top stars as they reflect on the old season and prepare for the new challenge ahead.

Clive Walker's highlight of the season

England call-up capped my season

Bryan Robson's highlight of the season

MY highlight of last season was playing for England and making the Home International squad. I can't really remember too much about my first game against Eire. People said 'you'll be nervous' and I was when I went into the dressing room but when I got out on to the pitch I didn't feel any nerves at all.

The atmosphere was great at Wembley and it's such a true surface — there really can't be any excuses for playing badly on a pitch like that.

It was nice to see Forest win the European Cup again. Brian Clough has done a great job since he arrived at the club and took them up from the Second Division. And, of course, they had a great run in the League Cup last season.

Of my personal disappointments, not making the England squad for Italy and the European Championship finals stands out most. It hit me hard for the first couple of days when I knew I wasn't going.

I was disappointed with Albion's performances last season. We got off to such a terrible start and everyone thought we would be in for a good run after the season before.

A few of the lads got bad injuries — both Cyrille Regis and Derek Statham had cartilage problems — and we struggled for a settled side.

I would have preferred to have seen the First Division championship race more open too.

There was never any doubt for me that Liverpool were going to win it and it would have been nice to see someone else challenge.

Hopes for next season:

I'd like to see Albion in the top five at least and go into Europe. I really enjoy playing against European sides.

I'd also like to see us win the FA Cup.

Personally, I want to get back in the England team.

Left: Bryan Robson of West Brom: "Not making England's squad for Italy really hit me hard for a couple of days."



Chelsea front runner Clive Walker on his way to scoring his side's third goal in last season's victory over Newcastle at Stamford Bridge last season. He hopes for promotion and a crack at the big boys next season.

My best yet

THE last game of the season was good personally when we beat Oldham 3-0 and I scored two of the goals.

Later that evening we had our club 'player of the year' party — and I won that too! Scoring 13 goals during the season was pleasing because I love scoring goals. I think it was probably my best season so far.

Of the disappointments, losing to Wigan in the third round of the F.A. Cup was grim. I missed a couple of what you might call open goals. Then they got their goal and I was a bit upset about not putting my chances away.

I was choked that England didn't do better in the European Championship. On a couple of occasions before the finals they looked outstanding but I felt a change of style was probably needed out in Italy — possibly a winger might have been the answer. I still thought the team did reasonably well and I think we are on the upgrade.

Hopes for next season: It's got to be that Chelsea get First Division football and I'd like to see us enjoy a good cup run — at least the fifth round and I don't mind which cup.

I'd like us to draw a First Division team and beat them.

Apart from that I just hope I can score more goals.

Our fans were fantastic last year home and away and of course I hope they give us the same backing next season. I'm sure we can do it next season and I hope we can prevent ourselves dropping silly points as we did last term.

A lot of people have said we'll be better for another season in the second, but I think we could have held our own. Everyone wants to play in the First Division and I for one was willing to have a go!

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Kevin
Bond's
highlight of
the season

So pleased for West Ham

FROM a personal point of view, my major highlight was being picked to play for England 'B' against New Zealand.

It was a tremendous feeling pulling on an England shirt.

Second highlight was being voted club player of the year. On top of that, I managed to score 11 goals. I know I was taking the penalties but I never even thought about getting into double figures.

From a general football point of view, I was pleased to see West Ham win the FA Cup. They are my 'other' team because I come from West Ham and I used to watch my dad play for them.

I've always liked the football they play and they did really well last season. England's performances would have been among my highlights up until the finals of the European Championships in Italy.

They played some brilliant stuff up until then and it was a big disappointment that they didn't do better in Italy.

Disappointments: Apart from the England

aspect my biggest disappointment personally was Norwich getting knocked out of both cups. We lost to Liverpool at home in the League Cup and we all knew we should have done a lot better.

Then we lost at home to Wolves in the FA Cup after holding them to a draw at their place. I couldn't believe it — it still makes me sick to think about it now.

Arsenal getting beaten in the European Cup Winners' Cup final comes into the same category. I felt really sorry for them because they finished up with nothing.

Hopes for next season: I would like to see England coast through their qualifying matches for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

I'd like to see Norwich reach one of the cup finals and play at Wembley and/or finish high enough in the League to go into Europe.

Lastly I just hope I can score one or two more goals and I'll be trying to play that bit better than last year.



Right: Norwich full back Kevin Bond: "One of my biggest disappointments was losing to Wolves in the FA Cup — I still feel sick about it."



Solo effort—a great moment

MY highlights of last season? It must be the fourth round cup-tie replay at St Mirren. We drew the first match 1-1, then trailed 1-0 and had Tom McAdam sent off.

I got the equaliser — then Doug Somner put them ahead with a penalty before Bobby Lennox equalised from a penalty.

The match went into extra time and I got the winner with a solo effort. What a game and what a season for me.

I became more consistent, scored 16 goals and kept out of trouble.

Left: Johnny Doyle... solo effort his greatest memory.

In general, I can only comment on Celtic's highlight — and that must be winning the Cup against Rangers in extra time.

Of the disappointments, I was unhappy to be substituted in the Cup Final — but winning it made up for throwing away the League Championship. Losing the European Cup quarter-final in Madrid was a blow, too. I felt so sorry for the fans.

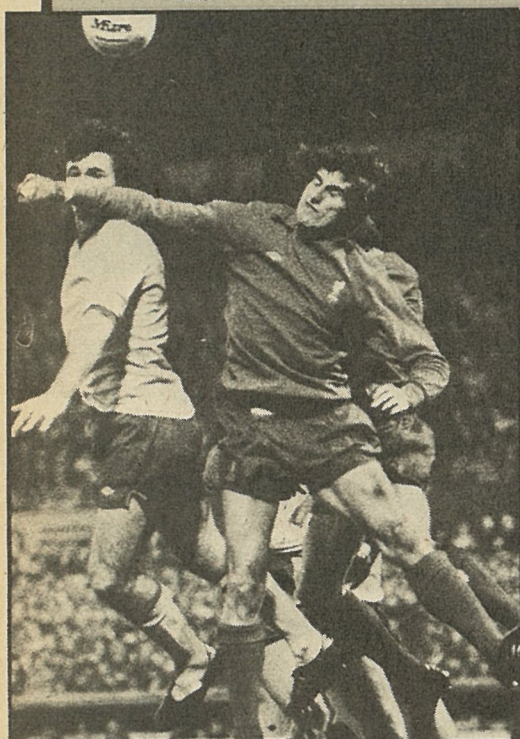
Hopes for next season? I can't wait to get back in training.

I just want to keep up my consistency and knock in the goals for Billy McNeill who gave me my chance to prove myself. In

general terms I'll be interested to see how Aberdeen face up to the pressure as champions.

Johnny
Doyle's
highlight of
the season

Shilton or Clemence?



ENGLAND'S reputation may have been tarnished by failure in the European Championship finals, but one boast remains intact . . . manager Ron Greenwood still has two of the best, if not THE best, goalkeepers in the world.

The question is which keeper is England's number one? Peter Shilton or Ray Clemence?

Even during the finals in Italy, Greenwood continued his policy of alternating the two players.

Match Weekly put the burning question to a number of top stars in the game today and also asked: Is Ron Greenwood right not to choose? And over the page we give you the chance to give your views in a readers' survey. Here is what some of the stars say . . .

- 'Ron Greenwood has got to select his man and stick with him' — **GERRY FRANCIS** (Crystal Palace).
- 'The manager should tell one of them — go out and keep your place' — **PHIL BOYER** (Southampton).
- 'I would go for Peter Shilton' — **JOHN DEEHAN** (West Brom).
- 'Ron Greenwood has the right policy' — **MARTIN HODGE** (Everton).



Form guide

RAY Clemence is England's man on past form. Although he has been capped 20 more times than Peter Shilton, he has kept clean sheets in almost half (47.05 per cent) of his England appearances. In comparison, his great rival has managed to keep the ball out of the net in only just over a third of his England matches (35.48 per cent).

Ray Clemence: Caps — 51. Clean sheets 24. Goals against 40.

Peter Shilton: caps 31. Clean sheets 11. Goals against 26.

Here's a complete run down of each keeper's appearances for England . . .

RAY CLEMENCE

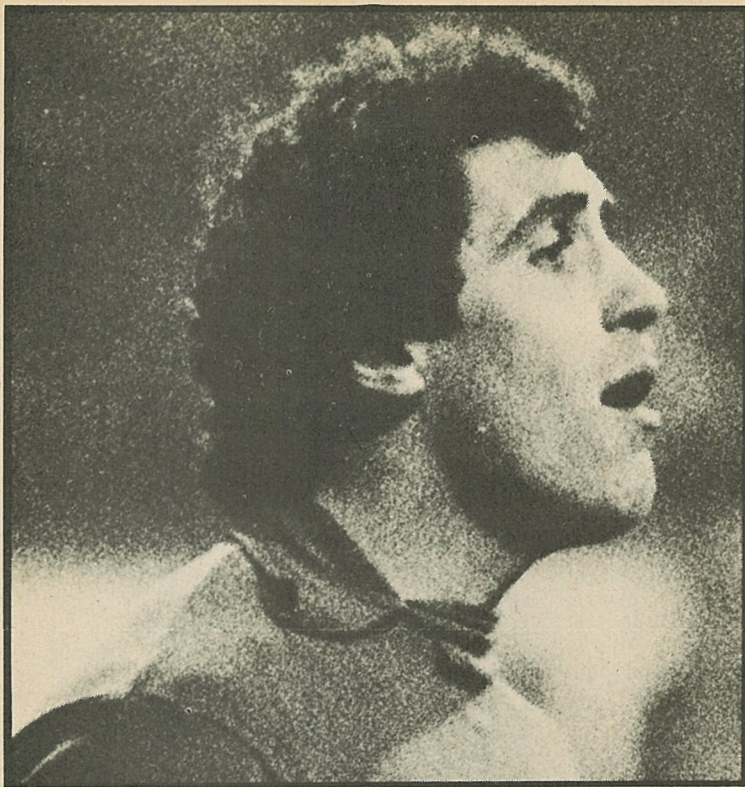
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1974/75	East Germany	1-1
1974/75	Bulgaria	1-0
1974/75	Yugoslavia	2-2
1974/75	Czechoslovakia	3-0
1974/75	Portugal	0-0
1975/76	West Germany	2-0
1975/76	Cyprus	1-0
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1978/79	Scotland	1-0
1978/79	Denmark	4-3
1978/79	Eire	1-1
1979/80	N. Ireland	4-0
1979/80	N. Ireland	2-0
1979/80	Scotland	3-1
1979/80	Bulgaria	3-0
1979/80	Austria (sub)	3-4
		(conceded one goal)
1979/80	Denmark	1-0
1979/80	Bulgaria	2-0
1979/80	Eire	2-0
1979/80	Argentina	3-1
1980	Wales	1-4
1980	Scotland	2-0
1980	Belgium	1-1
1980	Spain	2-1

*England's score first in each case.

PETER SHILTON

1970/71	East Germany	3-1
1970/71	Wales	0-0
1971/72	Switzerland	1-1
1971/72	N. Ireland	0-1
1972/73	Yugoslavia	1-1
1972/73	Scotland	5-0
1972/73	N. Ireland	2-1
1972/73	Wales	3-0
1972/73	Scotland	1-0
1972/73	Czechoslovakia	1-1
1972/73	Poland	0-2
1972/73	Russia	2-1
1972/73	Italy	0-2
1973/74	Austria	7-0
1973/74	Poland	1-1
1973/74	Italy	0-1
1973/74	Wales	2-0
1973/74	N. Ireland	1-0
1973/74	Scotland	0-2
1973/74	Argentina	2-2
1974/75	Cyprus	5-0
1976/77	N. Ireland	2-1
1976/77	Wales	0-1
1977/78	Wales	3-1
1977/78	Hungary	4-1
1978/79	Czechoslovakia	1-0
1978/79	Sweden	0-0
1978/79	Austria	3-4
		(conceded three goals)
1979/80	N. Ireland	5-1
1979/80	Spain	2-0
1979/80	Italy	0-1

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SHILTON OR

Qualities can never

Ron should commit himself

THERE'S very little between the two goalkeepers and I certainly wouldn't want the job of having to choose one or the other.

Having said that, I do feel Ron Greenwood as England's manager should say to one or the other — 'the keeper's shirt is yours, now go out and keep your place.'

The problem is choosing which one. The fact is they are both terribly good 'keepers.

Shilton dominates his area very well. He's particularly good on his line and when it

**Phil
Boyer**
Southampton

comes to collecting crosses.

Clemence has that little something different and he comes out very quickly and possibly has the better reflexes.

It's Shilton for me

John Deehan **W.B.A.**

RON Greenwood must have the hardest job in football trying to choose between these two — but if I had to pick one I would go for Shilton.

Shilton is so good on his own line — he's very agile with shots from close in.

When I was at Aston Villa John Gidman drove a hard cross in from the right. Shilton was on his near post and as the ball came over he moved to the middle of his goal.

I headed back to the corner where he'd just come from. Somehow he managed to swivel and dive to push it round the

post.

Ray Clemence made a similar save in a game at the Hawthorns last season. We were trailing 2-0 when a cross came over and from eight yards I headed it to Clemence's top right hand corner. He did well to get to it — but the amazing thing was that, surrounded by players, he managed to hold on to it!

Before the European Championships I think Ron Greenwood was right to alternate between the two. But in Italy he sat on the fence. He should have gone for one — and for me that would be Shilton.

Martin Hodge **Everton**

EVERY young goalkeeper should model his game on Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton — I watch them as much as I can to pick up tips.

I rate them the best in the world, they're both great players and it's so difficult to choose between them.

Ron Greenwood has the right policy in my opinion. Any player in the Football League would feel safe in front of either of these two 'keepers — it's not true to say that changing them affects the England team.

Clemence has fantastic agility. In this department he shades Shilton. The number of saves he's had to make after changing direction is amazing.

Shilton is very good on his line. He fills the goal and his positioning makes it very difficult to score.

But both are good in every department. They have qualities the rest of us can never reach. Their reactions and the way they dictate their areas are superb.

Clemence so safe

EACH goalkeeper has different styles and different ways of playing so Ron Greenwood has got to select his man and stick with him until loss of form forces him to put the other in.

I've played against Clemence and Shilton on many occasions and I wouldn't like to say who's best.

I've always considered Shilton the best shot-stopper I've ever seen. He's terrific at reaction saves. He's had a weakness on crosses but worked hard on it

Gerry Francis

Crystal Palace

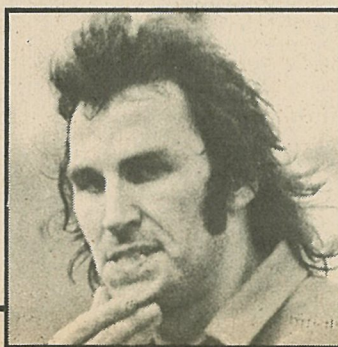
and has obviously improved his game.

I played in front of Ray Clemence for England and he's a safe, sound 'keeper of the highest quality.

I remember a QPR, Liverpool game when we were both going for the Championship and although we won 2-0 Clemence made several superb saves.

Two years ago at the City Ground Peter Shilton made a magnificent stop from me. I hit a volley from 25 yards with five minutes left and the score at 0-0.

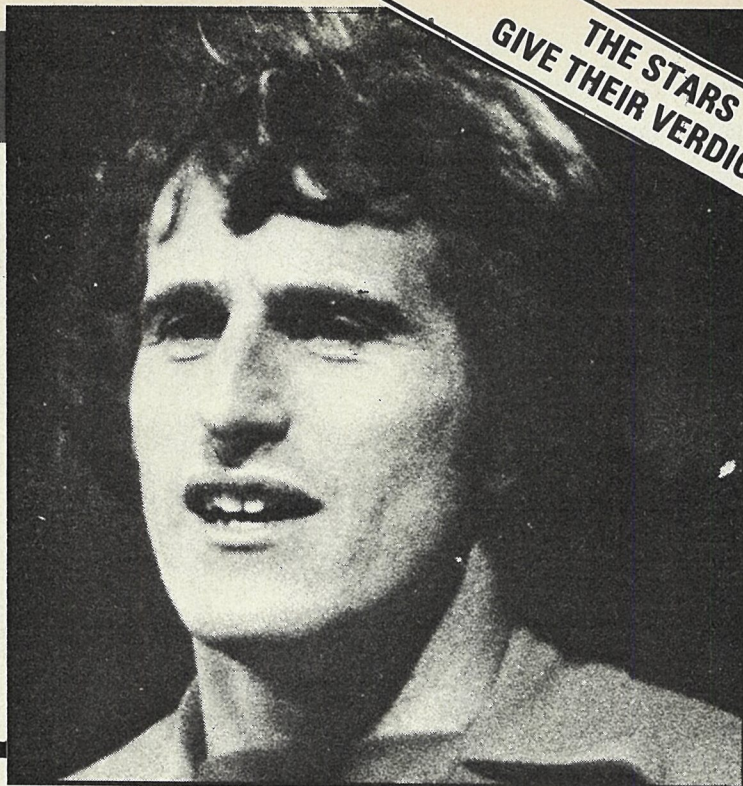
It was going hard to Shilton's top left corner and took a deflection which sent it even further away from him, but still he managed to get to it.



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THE STARS
GIVE THEIR VERDICTS



I'm amazed at both of them

I SPENT five weeks with Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence before and during the European Championships and they never ceased to amaze me.

I wouldn't like to split them — if Ron Greenwood who watches them more than anybody else, apart from their own managers, doesn't know which is best I'm certain no one else does.

I remember Peter Shilton making it very difficult for me in *Left: Paul Mariner — amazed by the ability of both Clemence and Shilton.*

the first game of last season. I was twice through on my own — the first time I hit it straight at him, the second I knocked it wide.

'Shilts' is so good at narrowing the angle. He is totally aware of his goal and his area.

But both of them are strong in all departments — they haven't any faults. Clemence only conceded 16 goals the season before last. I know you can say he's got a good defence in front of him but he must be called on to do his bit sometimes.

**Paul
Mariner**
Ipswich

WHO GETS YOUR VOTE

WHAT do you think? Match Weekly is conducting its own survey among readers to find out who you think should fill the England goalkeeper's shirt.

Fill in the form below and send it to 'Shilton or Clemence', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

We will be publishing the results of the survey in a future issue.

Shilton or Clemence? _____

Reason for choice _____

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____

They are so close

'Pop' Robson Sunderland

IT'S Peter Shilton for me but ask again in six months and I might well say Ray Clemence — they are that close.

I've always reckoned Peter Shilton unlucky not to have won more England caps but that's no slight against Clemence.

It's just that Shilton has had to prove himself at Forest as the team have had to prove themselves and he's come through with flying colours.

I don't envy Ron Greenwood his task at all. He can take as much advice as he wants but in the end it's up to him. He's got to

look at the man in form and select him.

I remember Peter Shilton making a save from me in his Leicester days. It's one of the best saves I've ever seen.

I was playing for West Ham at the time and I headed the ball towards goal from about six yards. Shilton was sprawling about at the other post but somehow managed to haul himself up to fist my effort away.

Right: Sunderland striker Pop Robson, who currently rates Peter Shilton as England's top goalkeeper.



Horst Hrubesch (West Germany) v Belgium, European Championship

The Monster strikes.

IN GERMANY, they call him "The Monster" — and at 6ft 2ins, the big Hamburg striker certainly lived up to his name in Italy, scoring the two goals that earned West Germany the European Championship title for the second time.

The Final was only 10 minutes old when the 29-year-old striker put them ahead against the shock team of the tournament, Belgium (see diagram below right).

Hrubesch told MATCH WEEKLY through an interpreter:

"Much of the credit for my goal must go to Bernd Schuster. He played a one-two with Klaus Allofs and held off Van Moer to play the ball up to me.

"I took it on my chest and as it fell I made sure I kept the volley down — to beat Pfaff into the far corner."

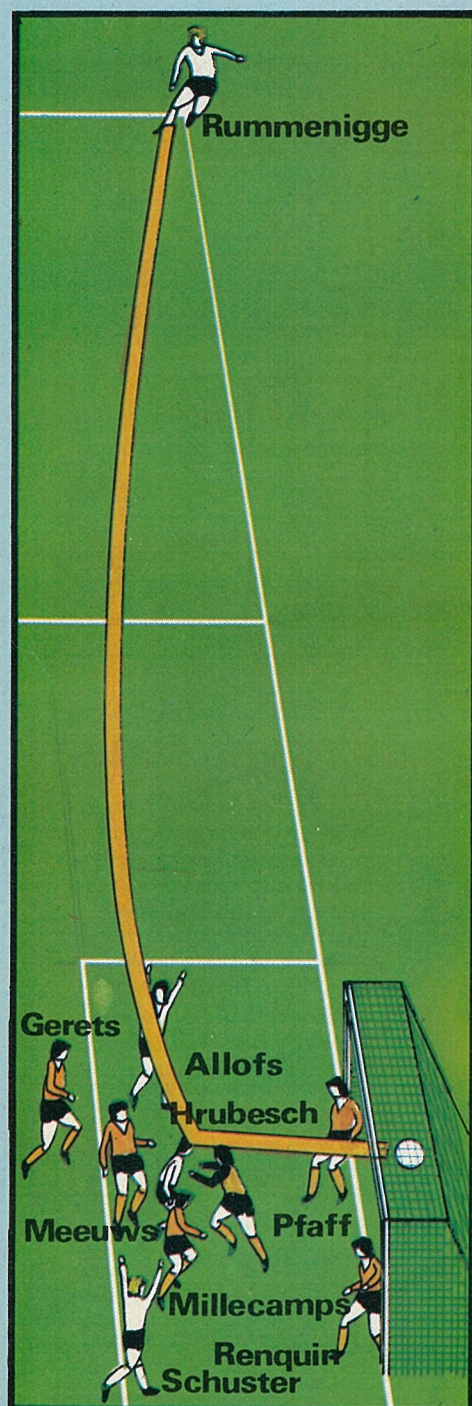
Desperate

Belgium equalised with a 71st minute penalty when the German skipper Bernard Dietz made a desperate effort to stop Van der Elst as he broke clear. The Belgium striker tumbled into the box as he was tripped and Vandereycken scored with the penalty as the Germans protested vigorously that the tackle had been made outside the area.

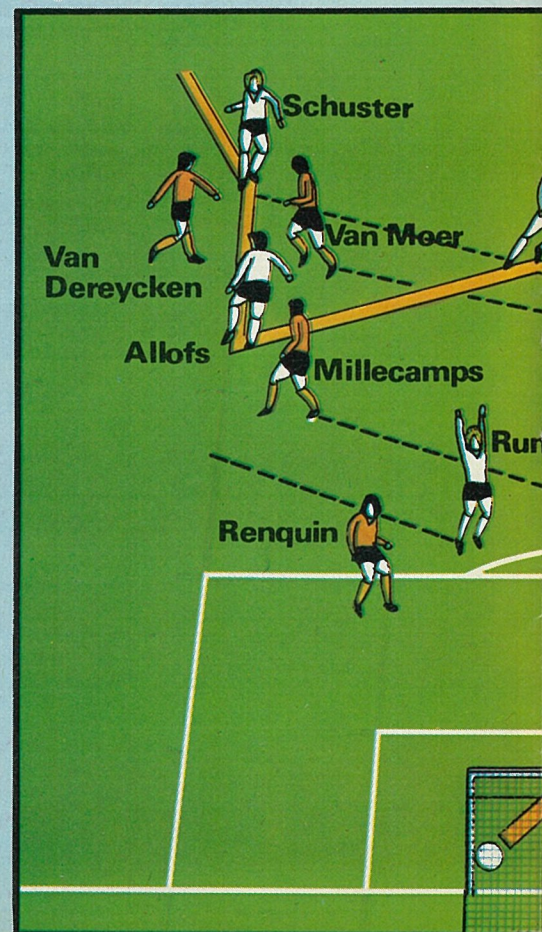
"It looked as if we had to have extra time and possibly a replay," said Hrubesch. "Then we forced a corner with our bench signalling that there was less than two minutes left.

"I took up my position on the edge of the area and dummied my marker, I think it was the bearded Millecamps, to gain half a metre on him as I made my run. When Rumenigge's corner came in I met it perfectly with my head and I knew then we couldn't be caught." (See diagram left).

Below: Horst Hrubesch jubilantly holds the European Championship trophy aloft after scoring his two goals in the final



Above: It's there! Hrubesch powers in the winning goal. To right, are: Mommens, Pfaff, Schuster, Millecamps



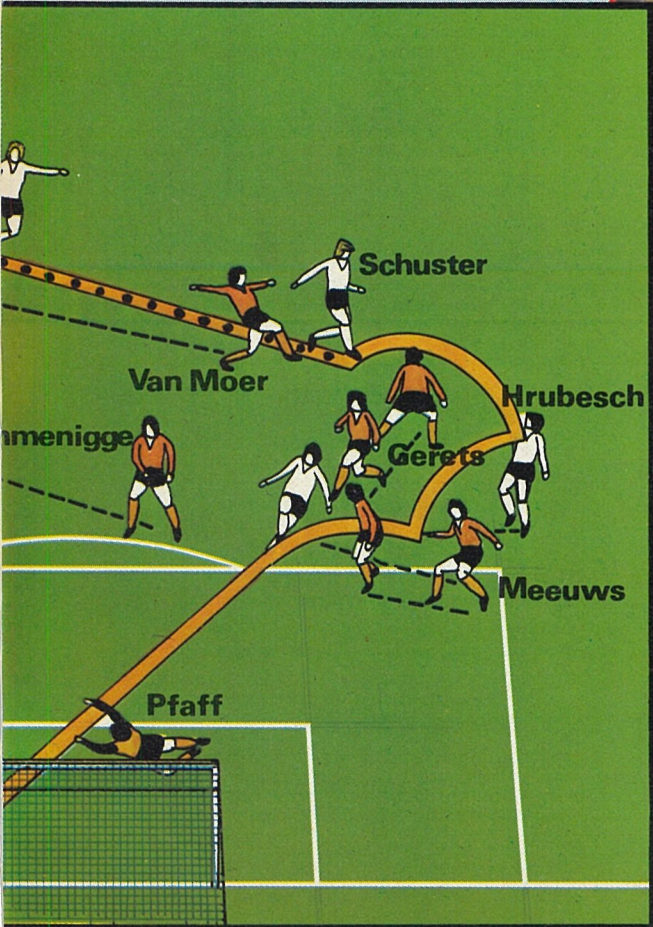
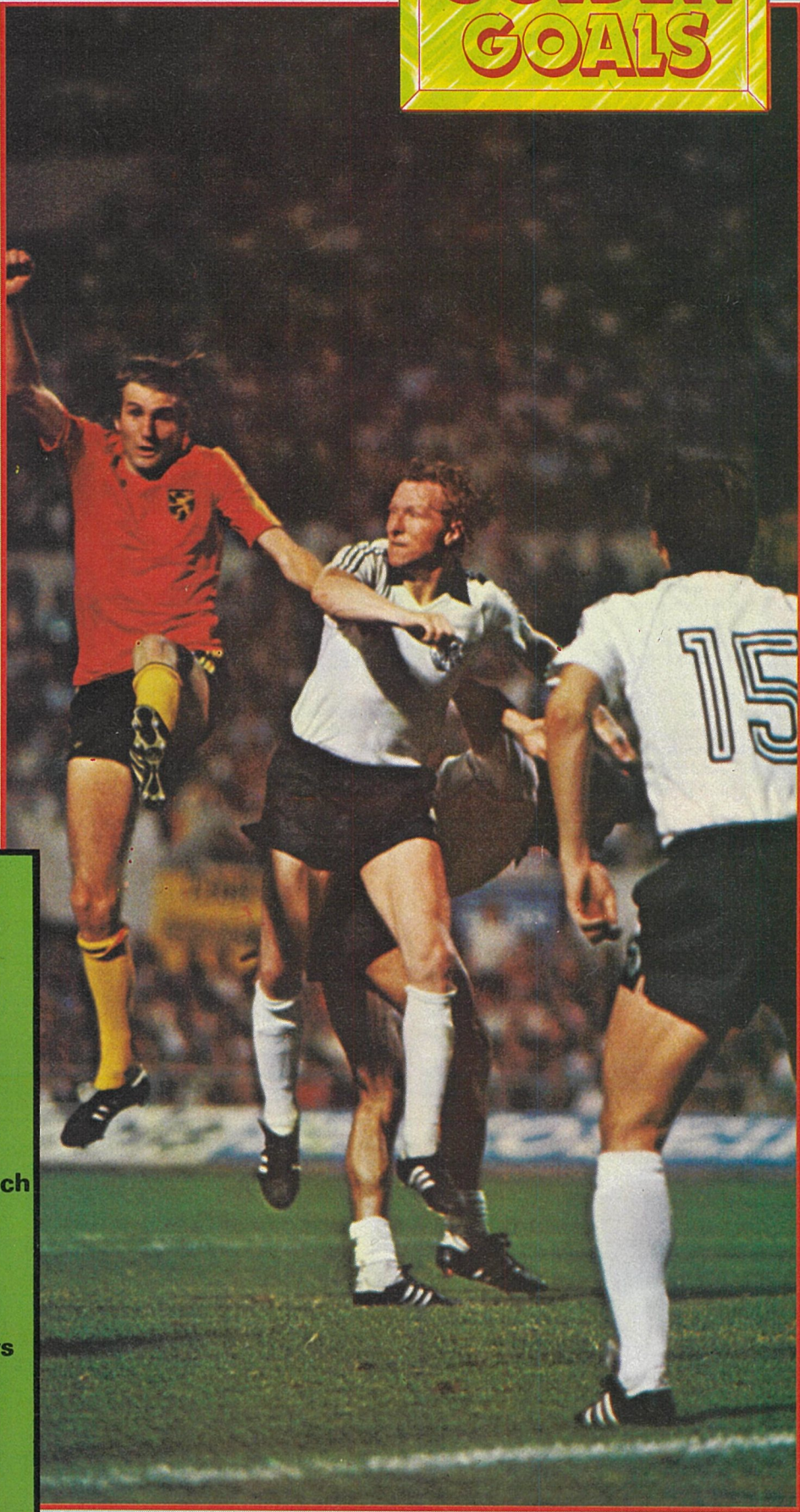
Final, Olympic Stadium, Rome, June 22, 1980

GOLDEN GOALS

...twice!



al just 90 seconds from time. Also in the picture from left and Meeuws.



Heads you win . . . Hrubesch (centre) loses this duel during the final but made his mark on the game in fine style.

Match Weekly's guide to the 1980 curtain raisers . . .

NOTTINGHAM Forest, aiming for a hat-trick of European Cup wins, will be taking an in-depth look at two of their major rivals next month.

Brian Clough's men have agreed to take part in the prestigious Amsterdam 705 tournament between August 8 and 10 and two of the other sides involved are German Champions Bayern Munich and Ajax, who have won the Dutch league again.

Bayern and Ajax, who Forest defeated in the European Cup semi-final earlier this year, meet in one semi-final while Forest are paired with another leading Dutch side AZ 67 Alkmaar.

The winners of the two games meet in the final and the losers play-off for third and fourth places.

Both of Forest's games are played in the Olympic Stadium, where they met Ajax in April.

Before the trip to Holland, Forest have a five-match tour of America and Canada, departing on July 20. Their opening game is against Vancouver Whitecaps and they follow-up with a match with Tampa Bay Rowdies.

They fly on to Columbia to play two games and return to Toronto for one more match before returning to England.

Meanwhile Bob Paisley, manager of champions Liverpool, was wasting no time getting his players back into the groove. He re-called them for training on Wednesday (July 9) — a full week ahead of most of his rivals.

Liverpool's build-up to their Charity Shield clash with West Ham at Wembley on August 9 features four games in an exhaustive seven-day continental tour . . . Dundalk (July 30), Anderlecht (Aug 1), Hvidovre Copenhagen (Aug 3) and VBS Stuttgart (Aug 5).

For Kevin Keegan meanwhile, the itinerary is equally tough but at least he will get a chance to say a proper farewell to the young Hamburg fans he left behind, when he leads his new club Southampton out for a

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seasonal warm-up in Germany on August 1.

Saints also have matches planned in Dublin against Shamrock Rovers (July 23) and Belfast against Linfield (July 26), as well as a four-team tournament in Rotterdam from August 8-10 with Feyenoord, Schalke 04 and Bruges.

A feature of Dave Sexton's busy schedule to get Manchester United in the right frame of mind for their season's opener against Middlesbrough is what promises to be a

thrilling clash with Celtic in Glasgow, the highlight of Danny McGrain's testimonial year, on August 1.

This follows matches in Nuremburg on July 26 and Vienna against FK Austria on July 29 and precedes a two match tour of Sweden from August 6-8 against Vasterfars and Gefle.

Division One newcomers Birmingham are also Sweden bound, where manager Jim Smith will parade his new £350,000 signing

Pre-season diary

JULY

- 20: Nottingham Forest leave for five match tour to America
- 20-30: Crystal Palace 10-day tour to Sweden
- 21: Bath City v Manchester City
- 23: Shamrock Rovers v Southampton
- 25: Nuneaton Borough v Manchester City
- 26: Cambridge v Ipswich (Willhire Cup)
- Nuremburg v Manchester United
- Linfield (Belfast) v Southampton
- Reading v West Brom
- 28: Southend v Spurs
- 29: Gothenburg (Sweden) v Birmingham
- Ipswich v Colchester (Willhire Cup)
- FK Austria (Vienna) v Manchester United
- Norwich v Camb United (Willhire Cup)
- 30: Port Vale v Everton
- FC Bockolt (Dusseldorf) v Aston Villa
- Brighton v Macabi Netanya (Israel)
- Dundalk (Dublin) v Liverpool
- Oporto (Portugal) v Manchester City
- Linfield (Belfast) v Stoke
- Portsmouth v Spurs
- Bradford City v West Brom
- Shrewsbury v Wolves
- 31: Norwich v Colchester (Willhire Cup)

AUGUST

- 1: IF Hallby (Sweden) v Birmingham
- NEC Nijmegen (Holland) v Ipswich
- Anderlecht (Brussels) v Liverpool
- Celtic v Manchester United
- Hamburg v Southampton
- Cardiff v Stoke
- Rangers v Arsenal
- 1 and 2: Leeds v FC Zurich, v Grasshoppers v Eintracht Frankfurt (in Zurich tournament)
- 2: Oxford United v Crystal Palace
- Everton v Excelsior (Holland)
- Nuremburg v Aston Villa (in Marburg)
- Partick Thistle v Coventry
- Madeira v Manchester City
- PSV Eindhoven (Holland) v Spurs
- Swindon v West Brom
- Lokeren (Belgium) v Wolves
- 3: Vanersborg (Sweden) v Birmingham
- Breda (Holland) v Brighton
- Willem II v Ipswich
- Hvidovre (Copenhagen) v Liverpool
- Aberdeen v Arsenal
- 4: Celtic v Arsenal
- Vara FK (Sweden) v Birmingham
- Dumbarton v Coventry
- Gillingham v Norwich
- Newport v Stoke*
- Rangers v Spurs
- 5: Wimbledon v Crystal Palace
- VBS Stuttgart (Germany) v Liverpool
- Port Vale v Stoke
- Dundee v Spurs
- 5, 6, 7: Brighton in Dordrecht tournament (Holland)
- 5, 6, 7, 8: West Brom v Hadjuk Split v Fortuna Dusseldorf v Zurich Grasshoppers (in Split)

- 6: VFL Bochum (W. Germany) v Aston Villa
- Skarbacka IF (Sweden) v Birmingham
- Motherwell v Coventry
- Excelsior (Holland) v Ipswich
- Vasterfars (Sweden) v Manchester United
- 7, 8, 9, 10: Wolves v Bohemians Prague, v Atletico Bilbao v Borussia Moenchengladbach (tournament in Bilbao)
- 8: PSV Eindhoven (Holland) v Ipswich
- Gefle (Sweden) v Manchester United
- Norwich v Chelsea*
- Stoke v Derby
- Swansea v Spurs
- 8, 9, 10: Southampton v Feyenoord v Bruges, v Schalke 04 (tournament in Rotterdam); Forest v AZ 67 Alkmaar v Ajax v Bayern Munich (tournament in Amsterdam)
- 9: Luton v Crystal Palace
- Seville (Spain) v Everton (in Marbella)
- Aston Villa v VFL Bochum
- Birmingham v Willem II (Holland)
- Zwolle (Holland) v Ipswich
- Liverpool v West Ham (Charity Shield)
- Breda (Holland) v Manchester City
- 9/10: Arsenal v Vasco da Gama (Brazil) v Red Star v Partizan (tournament in Belgrade)
- 10: Benenes (Portugal) v Everton (in Marbella)
- Groningen (Holland) v Brighton
- 11: Brighton v Sparta Rotterdam (Holland)
- 12: Birmingham v Lucerne (Switzerland)
- Ipswich v Norwich (Willhire Cup)
- Manchester City v Legia Warsaw (Poland)

*Provisional



Alan Mullery . . . exhausting schedule.

from Derby, David Langan, on the five match tour, before facing top continental sides Willem II and Lucerne at St Andrews on August 9 and 12.

Neither of the other two Division One newcomers, Sunderland and Leicester, have finalised their pre-season schedule but it is understood that Jock Wallace is planning to take the Leicester kids to Germany, while Ken Knighton's Roker lads are due to fly out to Norway on July 22.

But one of the fiercest scheules put before First Division players is the one drawn up by Brighton's Alan Mullery.

His Seagulls entertain Israeli side Macabi



Martin O'Neill races clear of Soren Lerby during Forest's European Cup tie last season. The clubs may meet again soon.

Netanya on July 30, before embarking on a five match Dutch tour over eight days and returning to take on Sparta Rotterdam on August 11.

The Ipswich preparation includes an attempt to win the East Anglia-based Willhire Cup for the third successive year, while Arsenal journey to Yugoslavia for a tournament in which they may face top Brazilian side Vasco da Gama.

It's a hectic start for our Division One clubs but one in which they desperately need the match practice in good company if they are going to make a telling assault on the championship.



Kaziu Deyna holds off the challenge of Manchester City's Futcher (left) and Daley when he turned out for his old club Legia Warsaw in a friendly last season. Deyna played for both sides in the match — and scored for both. The return match is at Maine road on August 12.

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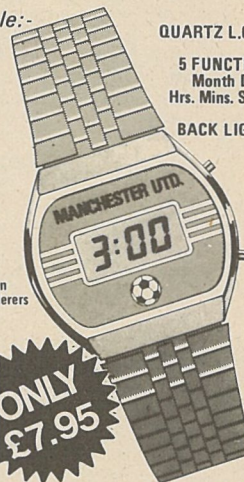
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I'm seething!

I'M NOT only annoyed but seething at the pathetic letter about American football team's names from Karl Lawton of Mirfield (Match Weekly, June 7).

'Oldham Oddballs' sounds ludicrous. What next, 'Birmingham Ballbashers'? Mark Fletcher (13) Birmingham.

Italian disgrace

WHEN is FIFA going to do something about the Italians? They should be banned from international competition.

Nearly every game they play is a disgrace and yet, as they kick and hack their way from match to match, all they receive are a few yellow cards.

Barry Challinor, Manchester.

Derby roll-call

IN Match Weekly issue June 14 you printed a statistics chart and you said Derby County used 21 players in all their games.

In fact the number was 29. They were: Cherry, McKellar, Middleton, Buckley, Langan, McCaffery, McFarland, Osgood, Webb, Wicks, Clark, Daly, Emery, Moreland, Powell B, Powell S, Richards, Rioch, Biley, Caskey, Crawford, Davies, Duncan, Emson, Greenwood, Hill, Swindlehurst, Whymark, Wilson. Phew!

Eric Watson, Notts.

Classic Canaries

I'VE compiled a table to discover the most entertaining teams in the First Division last season. Using the Match Facts I've listed each team and counted the number of games they appeared in under each category.

I hope you agree it makes fascinating reading. Norwich, surprisingly, were involved in easily the most 'classic' games — but slipped up on the 'good value' ones.

Liverpool, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest confirm their status as three of the most entertaining sides while Brighton and Bolton were the two most boring. The figures are for league games only.

	Classic	Good value	Satisfactory	Dull	Waste of money
Arsenal	2	7	24	7	2
Aston Villa	—	14	23	4	1
Bolton	—	6	21	13	2
Brighton	—	8	20	11	3
Bristol City	—	8	24	8	2
Coventry	—	12	16	13	1
Crystal Palace	—	16	22	4	—
Derby	2	7	26	6	1
Everton	—	7	23	12	—
Ipswich	2	15	19	5	1
Leeds	—	11	23	8	—
Liverpool	1	24	15	2	—
Man utd	2	22	13	5	—
Man City	2	13	19	6	2
Middlesbrough	—	11	23	7	1
Norwich	5	12	20	5	—
Nottm Forest	2	21	17	2	—
Southampton	—	14	22	6	—
Stoke	1	7	21	12	1
Spurs	—	23	14	5	—
West Brom	—	11	21	7	3
Wolves	1	19	17	5	—

John Waddington (16), Southport

TERRACE TALK

— the letters' page with something to say

BE FAIR

TO THE REF

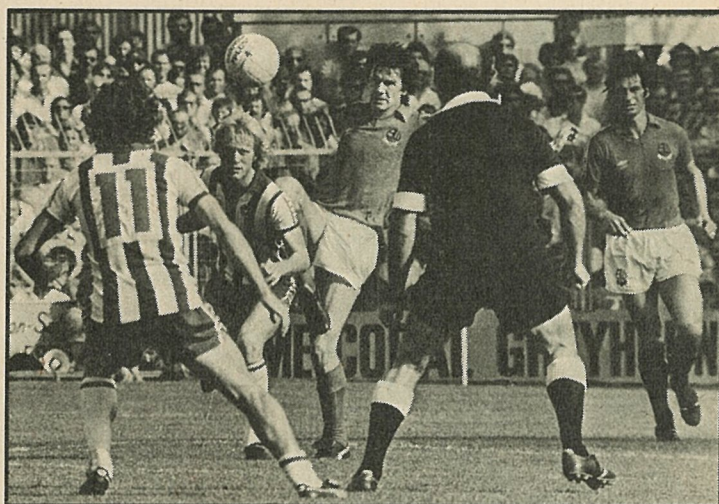


IT'S about time we had a fairer system of marking referees. We have some very good refs but they often get a raw deal from the clubs.

Managers can kill them off in their reports if a decision, especially a penalty, does not coincide with a manager's opinion.

The refs depend on a mark from the manager. If he hasn't got sufficient points at the end of the season he can be removed from the first-class list. What we need is a new system, independent of managers.

David Marshall (14), Croydon.



Action from last season's Brighton v Bolton game. They were the two most unexciting teams to watch last season! See the 'entertainment table' (left) compiled by Match Weekly reader John Waddington of Southport.

Welsh strip too flashy

I DON'T like the new Welsh kit. When I heard they were changing back to their old red shirts and white shorts I was happy but when I saw their new kit for the first time against England in the Home Internationals I was shocked.

Their kit is far too flashy. If you look at the Italian, West Germany and Holland kits they are much simpler. In my mind the sooner the Welsh squad change their kit the better it will be for football as a whole.

Laurence Farley (11), Camberley.

'Old pals' act yet again

IT didn't surprise me in the least to learn that the 'old pals' act in the Football League had succeeded in barring such progressive clubs as Altrincham from gaining admission to the Football League.

A much fairer system would be to have automatic relegation for the four bottom clubs of the Fourth Division and promotion for the top four of the Alliance — provided their grounds were suitable.

Andrew Roberts, Cleethorpes

Well done Hurst



Geoff Hurst — praised for the great job he did at Chelsea last season.

I'D like to pay tribute to Geoff Hurst who, within two months of taking charge of Chelsea, marched them to the top of the Second Division.

For entertainment value alone Chelsea deserve to be in the First Division. But, yet again, the behaviour of a minority of their supporters dragged Chelsea's name to the front of the newspapers instead of the back.

Philip Hill, London WC1

Where are the goalscorers?

WHERE have all the prolific goalscorers of the England national team gone? Where are the Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charltons of the present team?

To produce a top-class international side we must produce consistent goalscorers — Keegan is much too deep to do that — and the rest of the side doesn't score enough. It was the reason why we didn't do so well in the European Championships.

Alec Stevens, Sheffield

Leave Clough alone

I'M tired of people criticising Brian Clough. In my mind he's a genius. To take Nottingham Forest from 20th in the Second

Division into the First is an achievement in itself, but to win the League, League Cup twice and European Cup twice is brilliant.

The excellent Forest management team should get the praise it deserves.

Hazel Cook, Stamford

Foster for England

I'D LIKE to tip Ron Greenwood off about Steve Foster of Brighton and Southampton's Steve Williams. Both deserve international recognition.

Foster was Brighton's player-of-the-year and has played with tremendous confidence since his transfer from Portsmouth.

Williams will find the experience of playing alongside Keegan invaluable next season. My England team would be: Shilton, Anderson, Sansom, Butcher, Foster, Williams, Wilkins, Hoddle, Brooking, Keegan, Woodcock.

B. King, Horsham.

Foil the time wasters

IF a side scores an early goal in a league match and then keep on wasting time and passing back the refs should rule that the points be shared instead of letting the team that makes the match boring take both.

If this occurs in a cup-tie the team should be punished by time added on at the end. This way there would be more action during the whole match.

Winston Jones, Tottenham.

Be consistent

IT'S high time ALL referees took the same line on penalties! Some ignore movement by the 'keeper — and others insist on re-takes.

During the European Championship Lou Macari said he thought all 'keepers should be allowed to do what they wanted in an attempt to stop a penalty-taker scoring — including pulling faces or even swinging from the crossbar! If we can't have consistency — I agree with him.

Neil Kendall, Blackpool.

A fair fan

AS A Liverpool fan I'm writing to say how unfair the criticism has been over Nottingham Forest's European Cup final victory.

Forest didn't defend by their own accord — Hamburg forced them to and Forest responded superbly through Peter Shilton and Kenny Burns.

Forest thoroughly deserved their win and I say good luck to them for next season's competition — as long as they don't face Liverpool.

Hugh Cardiff (10), Dublin 16

OUTRAGED!



WELCOME to Outraged — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.

The big mouths

I'M SICK of "big-mouths" Clough and Taylor with their smart comments and flamboyant style.

It's about time someone lashed out at Clough like John Robertson did after the European Cup final saying that he takes all the credit for the team on his shoulders and is too big-headed.

Still, let's give Forest a huge pat on the back for winning the European Cup for the second year running.

Simon Tarry, Stroud.

★ I, too, will get sick of Clough and Taylor — but only when they stop winning trophies and bringing success to England.

Ref of the year

IT WOULD be a good idea if there was a 'Referee of the Year' award. It should be awarded to the ref who controls matches best.

The winner of the award should be nominated to referee the FA Cup final. It would be a good idea if the players themselves cast a vote.

Paul Childs (12) Lincoln.

★ What makes you so sure any ref will be good enough to qualify for the award? I'm certain the players wouldn't think so.

Football's Mr Know-All

BRIAN Clough must think he is "king know-all of soccer". In the June 28th issue of Match he used a whole page to tell us something we already knew . . . that England did not succeed in Italy because they were tired. He goes on to say 'I told you so'.

I knew England would be tired in Italy and I'm sick of Clough shouting his mouth off. He's getting nearly as bad as John Bond of Norwich.

Martin Anderson (16), Middle Herrington, Sunderland.

★ So you knew it all anyway did you? At least Cloughie had the nerve to say what he thought BEFORE the championships, in our June 7 issue. When Forest beat Sunderland next season you'll dislike 'Cloughie' even more.

Half-hearted Neal

RON Greenwood picks far too many Liverpool players. In the first game against Belgium in the European Championship six of the team players and substitutes were Liverpool players.

There are better players than Phil Neal, who's half-tackle led to Italy's goal, and Ray Kennedy who plays badly for England. They kept players like Trevor Cherry and Glenn Hoddle on the sidelines.

Shaun Sill (15) Batley, W. Yorks.

★ I agree — Phil Neal and Ray Kennedy wouldn't have been in my side. But one Liverpool player who should have played against Italy and didn't was David Johnson.

NEXT season's European Cup line-up makes painful reading for Forest fans hoping to see their team through an easy passage to its third consecutive final.

All the great and traditional names of European Cup history are back for another attempt at the giant piece of silverware that has been English property for four consecutive years.

With some results from Europe still to be finalised in countries where the winter makes summer football a necessity, the powerful sides to have already emerged include Liverpool, Real Madrid, Sporting Lisbon, Ajax, Bayern Munich, Inter Milan and Bruges.

And that means that of the 25 titles available since the famous trophy was inaugurated in 1955, this year's champions have already accounted for 18 between them.

Real Madrid lead the way, having won six Champions' Cup finals and lost in two more: a phenomenal record that the Spaniards are keen to improve on after having reached the semi-final stage in the 1980 competition.

Inter Milan have won two titles and lost two others, Ajax won three in a row between 1970 and 1974 and lost in 1969, Bayern Munich won three in a row between 1974 and 1976, Liverpool and Forest have dominated ever since.

Of the absentee previous winners, Benfica and AC Milan are most noticeable, each having won the trophy twice during the 1960's.

Nation by nation guide to League

Champi

1 ALBANIA

Champions: Dinamo Tirana; runners-up: Nentori 17
Cup: Partizani

2 AUSTRIA

Champions: Austria Wien; runners-up: Voest Linz
Cup: Austria Wien beat Austria Salzburg 2-1 (agg)

3 BELGIUM

Champions: FC Bruges; runners-up: Standard Leige
Cup: Waterschei beat Beveren 2-1

4 BULGARIA

Champions: CSKA lead Slavia Sofia (unfinished)
Cup: Slavia beat Beroe 3-1

5 CYPRUS

Champions: Omonia
Cup: Unfinished

6 CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Champions: Banik Ostrava; runners-up: Videoton
Cup: Sparta beat Lokomotiv Kosice 2-0

7 DENMARK

Champions: Esbjerg; runners-up: KB Copenhagen
Cup: Hvidovre beat Lungby 5-3

8 ENGLAND

Champions: Liverpool; runners-up: Man Utd
FA Cup: West Ham beat Arsenal 1-0
League Cup: Wolves beat Nottingham Forest 1-0

9 FINLAND

Champions: Oulu TPS; runners-up: Kups Kuopio
Cup: Ilves Kissat

10 FRANCE

Champions: Nantes; runners-up: Sochaux
Cup: Monaco beat Orleans

11 EAST GERMANY

Champions: Dynamo Berlin; runners-up: Dynamo Dresden
Cup: Carl Zeiss Jena beat FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt 3-1 (a.e.t.)

12 WEST GERMANY

Champions: Bayern Munich; runners-up: SV Hamburg
Cup: Fortuna Dusseldorf beat Cologne 2-1

13 GREECE

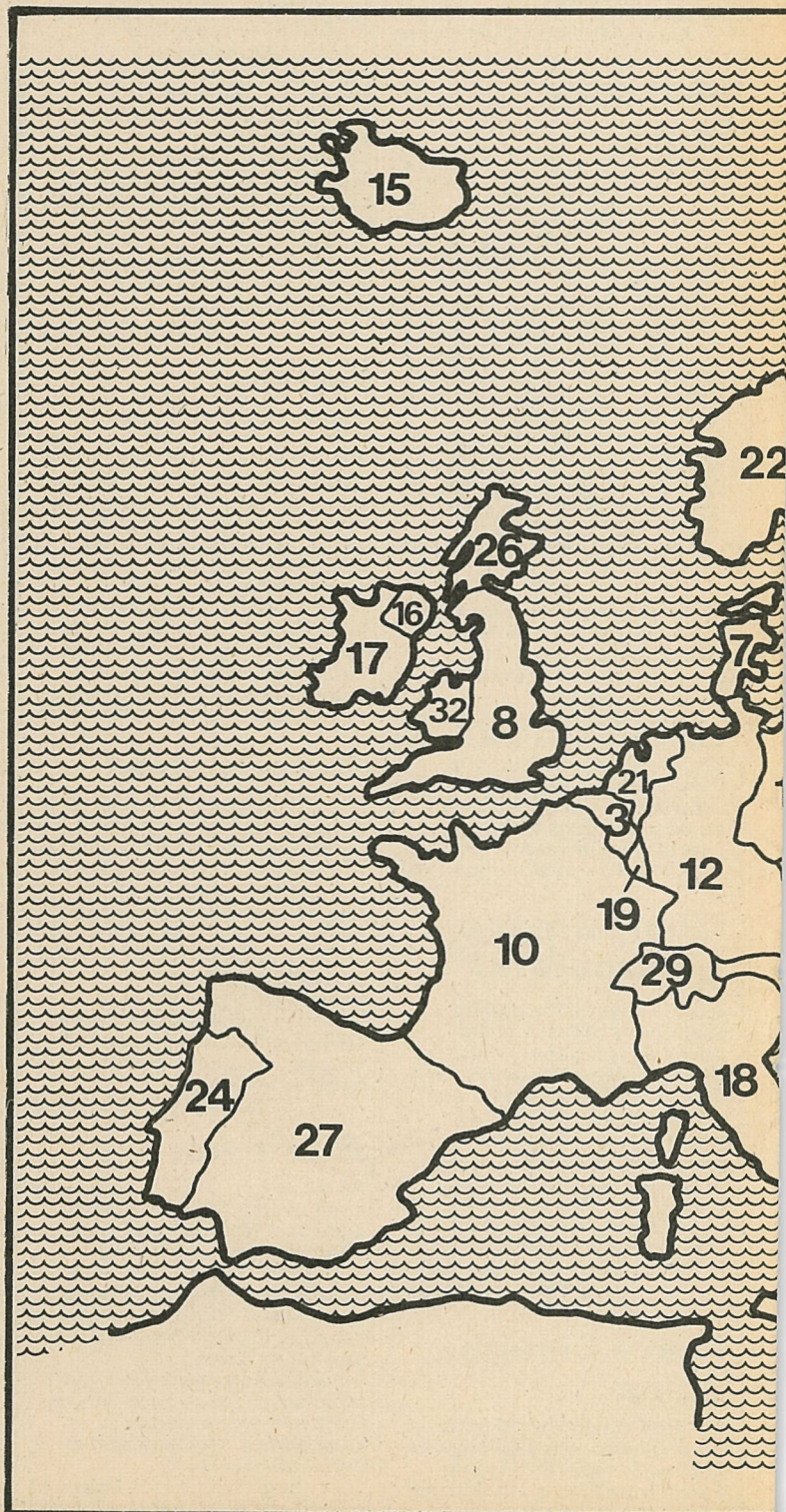
Champions: Olympiakos; runners-up: Aris Salonika (after play-off)
Cup: Kastoria beat Iraklis 5-2

14 HUNGARY

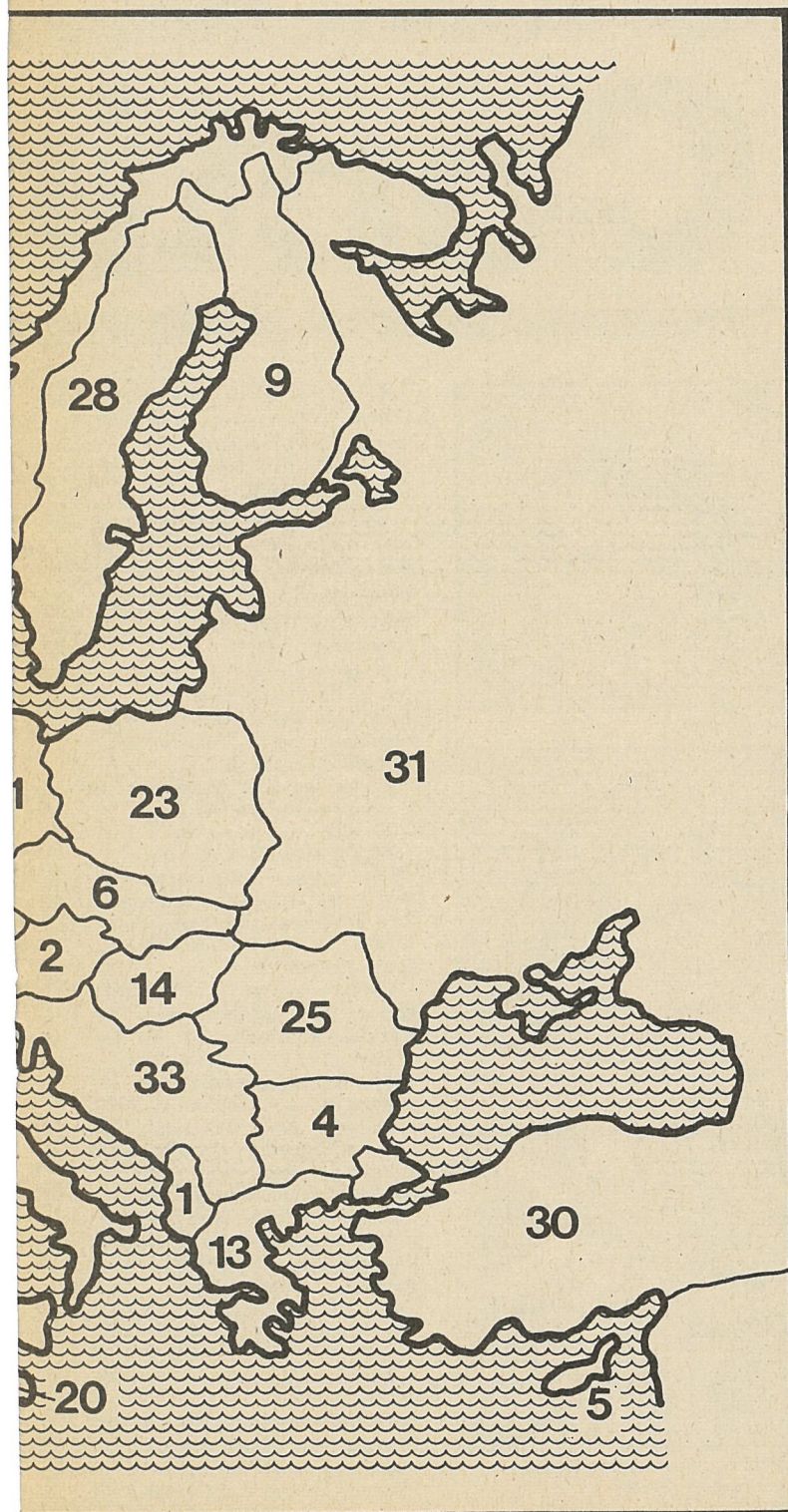
Champions: Honved; runners-up: Fenerbahce
Cup: Diosgyor beat Vasas 3-1

15 ICELAND

Champions: IBV; runners-up: IA Akranea
Cup: Fram



ons all!



16 NORTHERN IRELAND

Champions: Linfield, runners-up: Ballymena Utd
Cup: Linfield beat Crusaders 2-0

17 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Champions: Limerick, runners-up: Dundalk
Cup: Waterford beat St Patrick Athletic 1-0

18 ITALY

Champions: Inter Milan, runners-up: Juventus
Cup: Roma beat Torino 6-5 on penalties after 0-0 draw

19 LUXEMBOURG

Champions: Jeunesse Esche; runners-up: Red Boys
Cup: Spora beat Progress Nieder Korn 3-2 (a.e.t.)

20 MALTA

Champions: Valetta, runners-up: Sliema
Cup: Hibernians

21 NETHERLANDS

Champions: Ajax; runners-up: AZ 67 Alkmaar
Cup: Feyenoord beat Ajax 3-1

22 NORWAY

Champions: Viking Stavanger; runners-up: Lillestrom Moss
Cup: Viking Stavanger beat Haugar Haugesund

23 POLAND

Champions: Szombierski Bytom, runners-up: Widzew Lodz
Cup: Legia Warsaw beat Lech Poznan 5-0

24 PORTUGAL

Champions: Sporting Lisbon; runners-up: Oporto
Cup: Benfica beat Oporto

25 RUMANIA

Champions: University Craiova, runners-up: FC Steaua
Cup: Temisoar Polytechnica beat FC Steaua 2-1

26 SCOTLAND

Champions: Aberdeen, runners-up: Celtic
FA Cup: Celtic beat Rangers 1-0 (a.e.t.)
League Cup: Dundee United beat Aberdeen 3-0 (replay after 0-0)

27 SPAIN

Champions: Real Madrid, runners-up: Real Sociedad
Cup: Real Madrid beat Castilla 6-1

28 SWEDEN

Champions: Malmo lead Gothenburg (unfinished)
Cup: Malmo beat Brage on penalties after 3-3 draw

29 SWITZERLAND

Champions: Servette lead Basle (unfinished)
Cup: Sion beat Young Boys, Berne 2-1

30 TURKEY

Champions: Trabzonspor, runners-up: Fenerbahce
Cup: Altay

31 USSR

Champions: Spartak Moscow, runners-up: Dinamo Tbilisi
Cup: Dynamo Tbilisi v Chakhter Donetsk (to play)

32 WALES

Cup: Newport beat Shrewsbury

33 YUGOSLAVIA

Champions: Red Star Belgrade, runners-up: Napredak
Cup: Dinamo Zagreb beat Red Star 2-1 on aggregate

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Final: West Germany 2 Belgium 1
Third place: Czechoslovakia 1 Italy 1 (Czechoslovakia win on penalties)

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

Final: Nottingham Forest 1 SV Hamburg 0

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

Final: Valencia 0 Arsenal 0 (Valencia win on penalties)

EUFA CUP

Final: Eintracht Frankfurt 4 Borussia Moenchengladbach 3 (on aggregate).

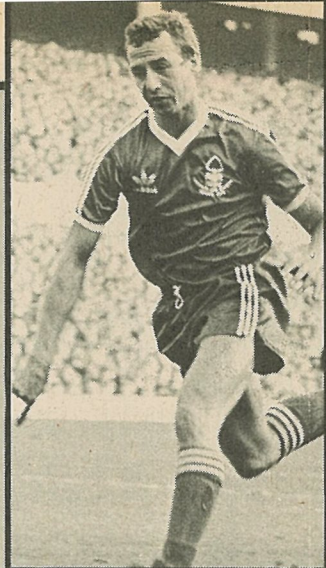
ONLY two FA Cup (competition proper) ties since the war have been won by as many as 11 goals. Spurs routed Crewe Alexandra by 13-2 in round four in season 1959-60, and Bristol City overwhelmed Chichester by 11-0 in round one in 1960-61.

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THE only known case in Football League history of both goalkeepers having been booked in the same match arose on November 33, 1971. The pair were Ron Hillyard (York City) and Harry Wainman (Grimsby Town).

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MIKE Trebilcock's two goals for Everton in the 1966 FA Cup final were as many as he scored in League games during his career with the club! After his signing from Plymouth Argyle and before he moved to Portsmouth his Division One appearances totalled nine and his goals two.



EARLY in season 1968-69 John McGovern (above), Hartlepool and Derby County, completed the feat of playing in all four Football League divisions when only 19. Early in season 1970-71 Ian Hamilton (Chelsea, Southend United and Aston Villa) also did so.

It's a fact

WHEN Stephen Spriggs (now with Cambridge United), of Stainforth, near Doncaster, became an apprentice-professional with Huddersfield Town in February, 1971, he ranked as the smallest and lightest professional ever signed by a Football League club. Then 15, he stood 4ft 9in and weighed 6st 7lb!

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GOALKEEPER John Hope set up an all-time record by figuring in all four Football League divisions while making seven appearances. After playing with Darlington (Third) in season 1966-67 he turned out in four Fourth Division games in 1967-68, played with Newcastle United once (First) in 1968-69, and then with Sheffield United (Second) in 1970-71.

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THE attendance at an FA Cup second round tie between Wigan Athletic and Hereford United in December, 1953, reached 27,100 — a record for any game in the competition

between two minor teams before the third round.

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NO OTHER club ever "kept up with the Joneses" as much as Chester in season 1966-67. Their players included Bryn Jones, Leslie Jones, Howard Jones and Ray Jones (professionals), Bobby Jones (amateur), and David Jones and Keith Jones (associate schoolboys).

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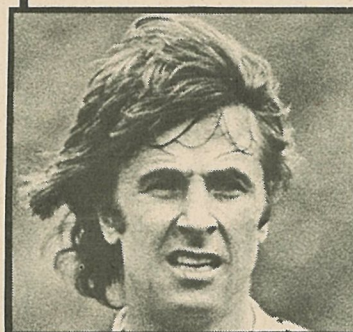
IN season 1963-64 Brentford (Division Three) provided the only case in Football League history of a team's four chief scorers representing as many as four countries. The first four, in the order given, were: John Dick (a Scot), Dai Ward (Welsh), Billy McAdams (Irish), and Mike Block (English).

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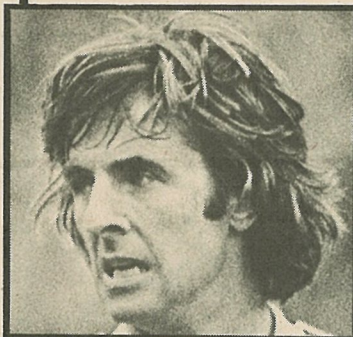
NEIGHBOURING clubs Bolton Wanderers and Preston North End met nine times in the FA Cup in as many seasons: Once in 1957-58, three times (two replays) in 1958-59, twice in 1963-64, once in 1964-65, and twice in 1965-66.

Brian Clough reveals his in his exclusive Match

'Why I Contin



Where do . . .



I go from . . .



here . . . that's the question facing Stan Bowles

THERE's one big reason why I went 'continental' in search of our next signing at Nottingham Forest . . . and that's availability.

Buying from abroad has not really been the style with Peter Taylor and myself but the lack of a suitable player on the home front forced us to widen our net.

That's why we centred our search on the Swiss city of Zurich, where Raimondo Ponte was revealing his skills for the Grasshoppers club that we knocked out of the European Cup the season before last.

He was available — his contract expired at the end of their season — and he clearly wanted to try his luck in England. The price was right, too, and that's got to be a significant factor in any deal.

Ponte cost me £230,000 but I know one thing for certain — if we had wanted to sign a player of his age and calibre at home the asking price would have started in the region of £500,000.

It seems that every time you pick up a phone to enquire about a player these days, you start talking at £300,000-£400,000. Perhaps that's the way the market is or perhaps it's because Cloughie is on the other end of the line . . . I don't know.

It could also be, of course, that the type of player we are looking for to strengthen the side would automatically have to be valued in that bracket.

I'm not complaining about that too much because there is an obvious problem trying to improve a team that has won the

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European Cup for two successive seasons.

We are by no means the first club to venture into Europe for a player and, to be perfectly honest, I always thought it would take something special for us to be interested.

Some 12 months ago I made tentative enquiries about the French midfielder Michel Platini but when I found out what his personal demands would be I soon lost interest.

Platini is a highly talented footballer but one of the added

problems of going after a player of his status is that he would want the freedom to shoot off after a couple of years and go and earn a fortune elsewhere.

Like Platini, Ponte is a midfield player and, as I mentioned earlier is no stranger to us. He impressed us very much in our two European Cup games against Grasshoppers and although I made enquiries about him then, nothing could happen while he was under contract in Switzerland.

But his name cropped up again recently and I had sufficient interest in him to further things by going to Switzerland to watch him play and talk to the club and player.

We have needed someone in our midfield for some time, going back almost 12 months to the time we bought and sold Asa Hartford in a matter of weeks.

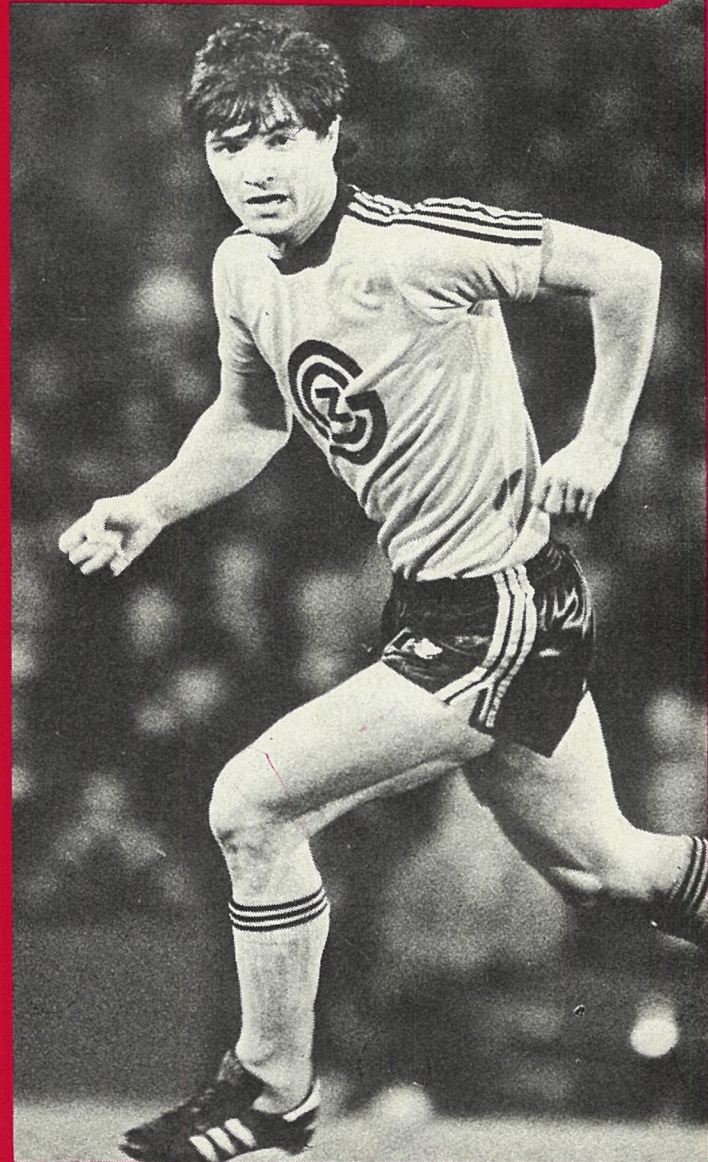
And, of course, once Stan Bowles walked out on us before the European Cup final it was fairly obvious that our relationship could not last.

I don't know why Stan opted out. As yet he hasn't even been to see me. He stood a chance of playing in a European Cup Final and picking up the kind of pay day that he's probably never had in his life.

It's no secret that we pay big incentives for winning things at Forest and I doubt if Stan has ever put that kind of money on a horse or a greyhound.

Walking out on us was the kind of gamble he could never really win.

Brian Clough

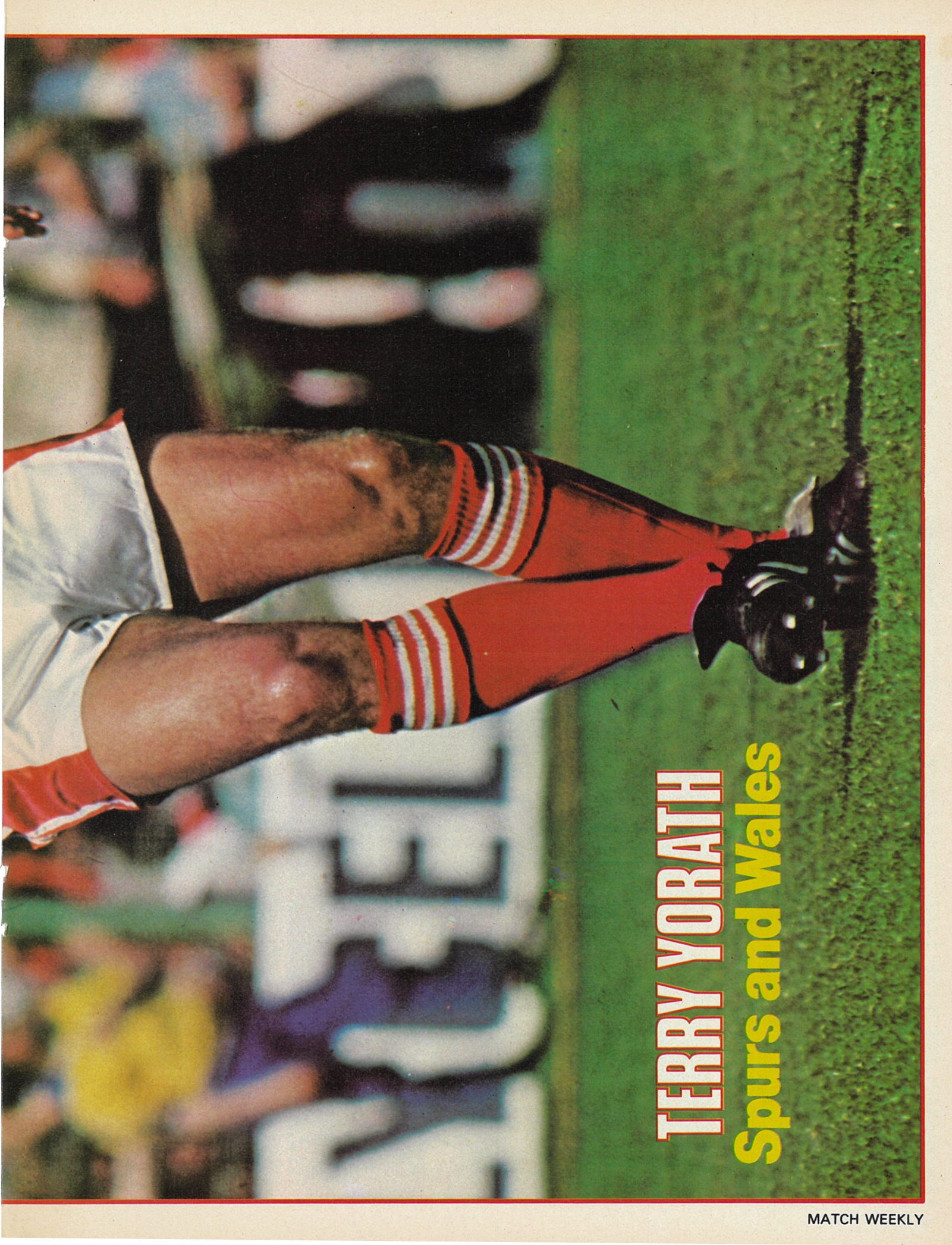


Michel Platini — I soon lost interest in him when I learned how much he wanted.

Raimondo Ponte caught my eye when Forest played Grasshoppers of Zurich in the European Cup.

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TERRY YORATH
Spurs and Wales

'BOMBER' BOUNCES BACK!

TONY Brown's success on the field for Boston Teamen reflects the way he and his family have settled into their new American way of life.

Former West Bromwich Albion favourite, 'Bomber' says he took time to adjust to the American style of playing.

But now the goals are coming in the old Hawthorns style, his family have settled in well and are enjoying themselves, and there's an extra bounce in the step of Tony Brown these days.

His cross-Atlantic adventure has almost cured him of his fear of flying. He said: "I've done so much since joining the American club that it is now becoming almost second nature."



Tony Brown has settled well.

HANKIN, BALL SET UP WIN

THE all-English connection of Ray Hankin and Alan Ball set up the first win in three games for Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American Soccer League.

It was a trip on former Leeds man Hankin by Memphis Rogues' keeper Bob Stetler that led to the only goal of the game, Ball making no mistake from the penalty spot.

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GEORGE BEST celebrated the news that his wife Angie was expecting a child with his first goal for San Jose Earthquakes.

Earthquakes had to come from behind to win 2-1 against Philadelphia Fury; their third successive victory.

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NASL giants New York Cosmos and Tampa Bay Rowdies took part in another fascinating duel and for the tenth time in 11 meetings the home team — this time Rowdies — won.

Joint leading NASL scorer Giorgio Chinaglia scored twice and his header with just 47 seconds left tied the game at 3-3.

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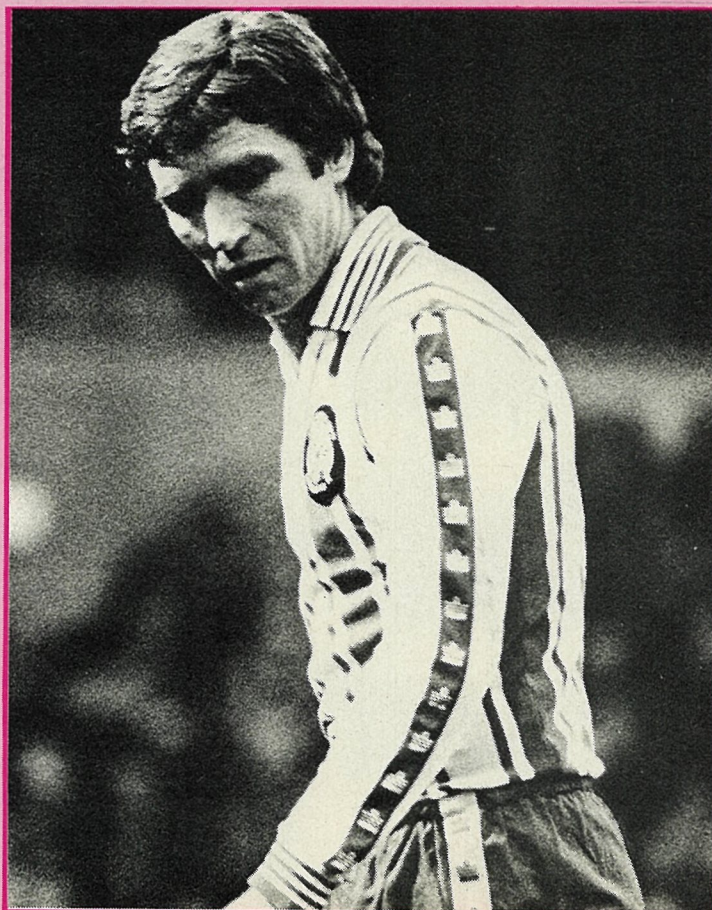
Soccer USA

HAT-TRICK SENSATION

LUIS FERNANDO, the Los Angeles Aztecs scoring sensation from Brazil, had a week that many players would consider a season.

He scored twice in Aztecs' 3-0 romp over Tulsa Roughnecks and added three more against California Surf to raise his 1980 points total to 22. Aztecs beat Surf 5-1.

Right: Ex-Leeds man Ray Hankin — tripped by Memphis Rogues' keeper Bob Stetler in the move that led to Vancouver Whitecaps' winning goal.



CROWE IS BOSS AGAIN

FORMER Aston Villa manager Vic Crowe has filled the vacant manager's chair at Portland Timbers — for the second time.

Crowe was Timbers' coach during their first two seasons in the NASL — 1975 and 1976 — and now replaces Don Megson, father of Everton's Gary, and a former Football League player with Sheffield Wednesday and Bristol Rovers.

Megson was sacked after Timbers lost six games on the trot and went to the bottom of the NASL National Conference.

Crowe has promised his players "blood, sweat and tears" as he attempts to haul them off the foot of the table.

It worked wonders first time out with a 1-0 win over Atlantic Chiefs after Crowe switched to a more attacking policy.

Crowe only went across the Atlantic for a holiday!

It meant a hasty phone call to his partner to look after their flourishing printing and stationery business in Birmingham.

TOP SCORERS

NEW YORK Cosmos favourite Giorgio Chinaglia leads the North American Soccer League goalscoring list. He has 38 points — 16 goals and six assists.

Seattle's Roger Davies — formerly of Derby and Leicester — has 36 with 15 goals and six assists.

Latest positions

NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
Eastern Division							
	P	W	L	F	A	BP	TP
New York	14	11	3	42	22	32	98
Toronto	14	6	8	21	24	20	56
Rochester	12	6	6	17	22	13	49
Washington	13	4	9	23	28	21	45
Central Division							
Tulsa	14	9	5	19	18	17	71
Minnesota	14	5	9	19	24	16	46
Atlanta	14	5	9	17	30	16	46
Dallas	12	5	7	16	19	15	45
Western Division							
Seattle	16	14	2	35	12	26	110
Los Angeles	13	8	5	21	17	18	66
Vancouver	15	7	8	19	20	16	58
Portland	15	4	11	16	27	15	39
AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
Eastern Division							
Tampa Bay	15	10	5	30	25	27	87
Ft. Lauderdale	16	10	6	29	26	27	87
New England	15	5	10	23	32	20	50
Philadelphia	13	3	10	13	24	11	29
Central Division							
Chicago	15	12	3	38	21	31	103
Memphis	15	8	7	22	23	19	67
Houston	14	6	8	19	22	17	53
Detroit	14	5	9	19	22	18	48
Western Division							
California	16	8	8	30	31	27	75
Edmonton	14	7	7	24	19	17	59
San Diego	13	7	6	18	17	15	57
San Jose	14	5	9	17	22	16	46

BP — bonus points; TP — total points

● Latest results: Memphis 2, Tampa Bay 0; Edmonton 5, Philadelphia 0; Rochester 2, New York 4; Minnesota 3, Seattle 2; Detroit 0, San Jose 1; San Diego 1, Portland 0; Toronto 1, Vancouver 2; Tulsa 0, Los Angeles 3; Tampa Bay 4, New York 3; Minnesota 1, Toronto 2; Atlanta 3, Detroit 1; Chicago 5, New England 2; Vancouver 1, Memphis 0; Portland 0, Seattle 1; San Jose 2, Philadelphia 1; Los Angeles 5, California 1; Washington 1, Fort Lauderdale 2; Houston 3, Dallas 2; Edmonton 1, Tulsa 3.

Left: New Blackpool manager Alan Ball was spot on for Vancouver Whitecaps.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

REFEREES — so often the subject of football humour — come in for some more stick in this week's batch of Football Funnies.

The first of this week's £2 winners is Ian Murphy of Holyhead, Gwynedd, North Wales, who tells us about the joke when players were leaving the field after the final whistle.

A spectator shouted to the ref — "Where's your dog?"

"Dog," says the referee.

"What dog?"

"Well," said the spectator, "I've never seen a blind man without a dog before."

Thanks Ian. Enjoy your £2 — and send us in some more jokes.

Tracy Lander of Countesthorpe, near Leicester, is a self-confessed Leicester nut-case and after her team's promotion to the First Division she must be laughing all the way to the beginning of the season.

Her winning £2 contribution to the funnies column is: The

centre-forward had the ball at his feet and was about to shoot when he was tripped over. The referee blew his whistle.

"Free-kick," he shouted.

"Who to?" asked one of the players. "Us," said the referee!

The final £2 winner this week is from E. Collins of Nottingham: Two men were talking. One said: "Do you play football?"

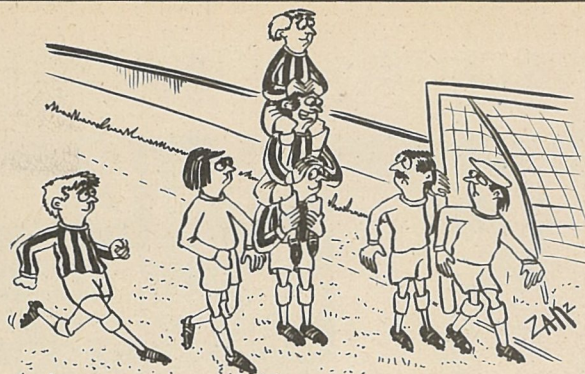
The second man said: "Yes, I'm a half-back."

"Who for?" said the other. "I rip

the tickets at the gate and give them half back!" was the reply.

You too can be £2 better off by sharing your football funnies with Match Weekly and all our readers. We can't guarantee to publish every one — but if we like yours you'll never earn an easier £2.

So send your funny stories, true or false, on a postcard together with your name, address and age to: Football Funnies, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB.

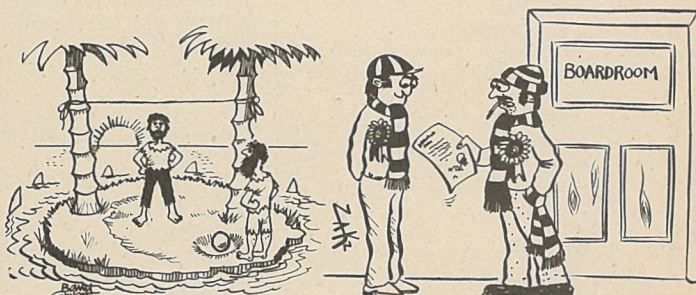


"Actually, we're a decoy for a low cross!"

Cartoon Time



"No wonder there's nobody at this end of the ground!"



"Why don't you take a run at it?"

"I only went in to express my views... and they gave me a three-year contract as manager!"



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IT'S QUIZ TIME

Answers
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page 35

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978.

1. Name the player who made his full England debut in this year's Home Internationals v Northern Ireland?
2. Which famous club have been relegated to the Italian Second Division after being involved in the Italian bribes scandal?
3. Who was voted Bells Manager of the Year for season 1979/80?
4. Name the player who scored Northern Ireland's goal in their 1-0 win over Scotland in the Home Internationals.
5. Which team won the 1980 UEFA Cup?
6. Identify the following clubs from their nicknames a) The Quakers b) The Stags c) The Wasps.
7. From which club did West Bromwich Albion sign John Wile?
8. With which club did Stuart Pearson begin his career?
9. Which Brazilian International was nicknamed "The Little Bird"?
10. Which country in the finals of the 1980 European Championships were managed by Jan Zwartkruis?
11. Aberdeen have recently sold Steve Archibald to Spurs for £800,000, but from which club did they sign him for £20,000 in 1978?
12. Which Valencia player missed a penalty in the shoot out to decide the 1980 European Cup Winners' Cup Final?
13. Which non League club later to be elected to the Football League, knocked Newcastle out of the F.A. Cup in 1972?
14. Which goalkeeper played for part of an F.A. Cup Final with a broken neck?
15. Malcolm Allison once managed a West Country non league team. Name them.

Left: Name this young midfield player and you have the answer to question one in this week's quiz.

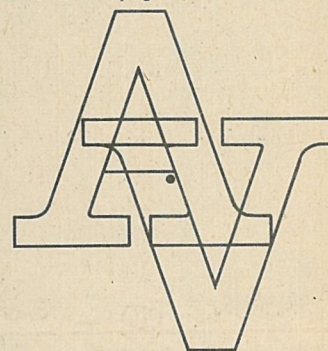
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TOUCHLINES

WE'RE giving you a monogram of the initials of

ASTON VILLA

Starting at the dot can you trace over the design — or re-draw it — without lifting your pen from the paper and without going over any line twice? Answers on page 35.



THERE are prizes galore on this week's HALF TIME page. In addition to the stereo record player and five footballs being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes absolutely FREE.

HOW TO ENTER: Simply solve the crossword, writing your answers in ballpoint pen. Fill in your name and address on the coupon, cut around the dotted lines and send it in an envelope to Match Weekly, Crossword No. 43, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

The senders of the first five correct entries drawn from the postbag will each receive a super leather football — and all for the cost of a stamp.

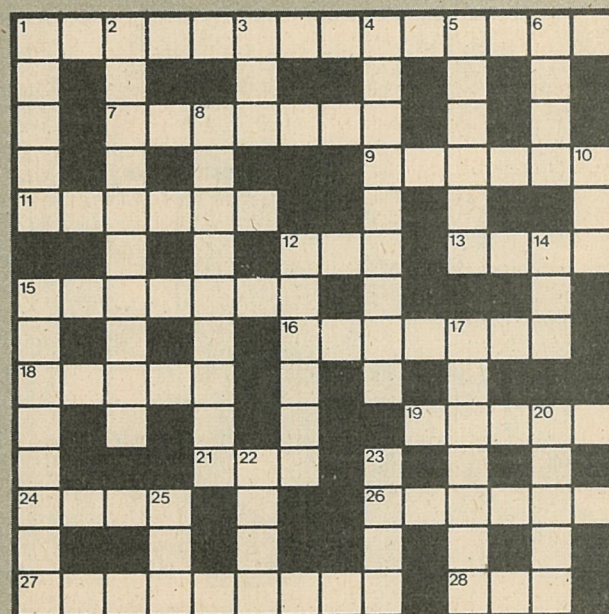
Get your entry in the post as soon as possible — the closing date is July 19. The results will be announced in the Aug 2 issue.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Div Two side from Gay Meadow. (10,4)
7. Turn Matt Bub into Eastville's Kevin. (anagram)
9. Liverpool defender
11. Div Three City.
12. Scottish team.
13. ---- Madrid.
15. City or Rovers?
16. Kevin of Ipswich and England.
18. Football hooliganism. (slang)
19. Could be Ian of Palace or Mike of Bolton.
21. ... Revie.
24. Leeds defender who once played for Blackburn.
26. Type of forward who brings breadth to an attack.
27. Sheffield team from Hillsborough.
28. --- Greenwood.

CLUES DOWN

1. Football League Cup Winners 1971-72.
2. Turn Reggie Numm into a German star. (anagram)
3. Reserve.
4. Yorkshire team.
5. Sunderland goalie.
6. Long serving WBA defender.
8. Those Bees from Griffin Park.
10. No goals.
12. Brighton and Hove -----.
14. Classy player.
15. Man between the sticks at Wolves.
17. He keeps the team in trim.
20. Manager of Scotland.
22. Nickname of 27 across.
23. Not a home game.
25. Millwall's home base.



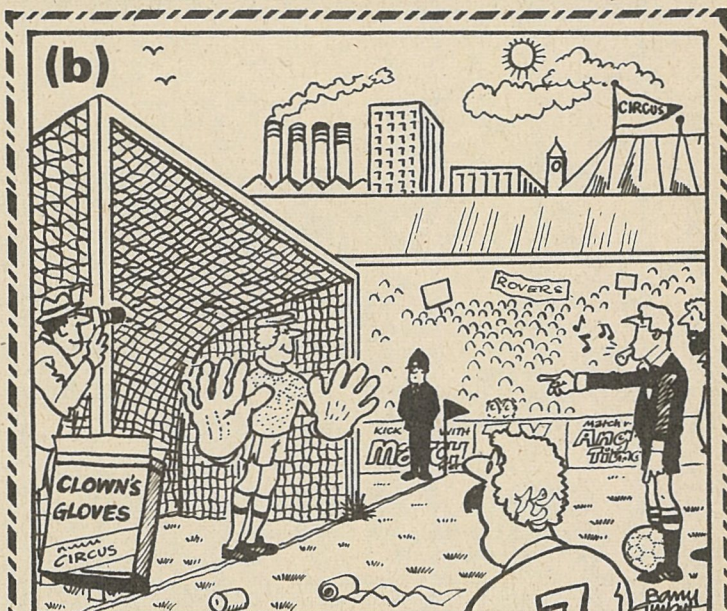
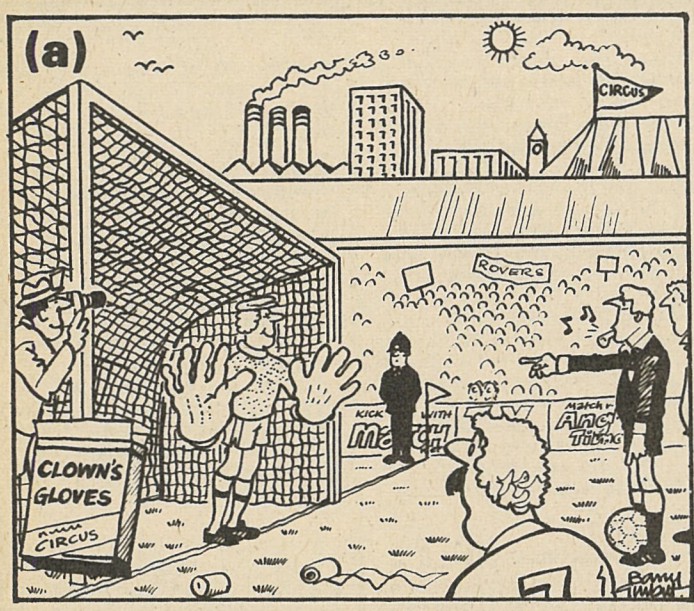
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stereo record player



CAN you spot the differences between the two cartoons above? Find them and you could win a superb stereo record player with speakers absolutely free. That's the first prize in this week's Spot the Difference competition. And there are five top quality leather footballs for five runners-up.

HOW TO ENTER: Our cartoonist has drawn cartoon A and then he has made 10 changes in cartoon B. It is up to you to spot them and mark them on cartoon B by putting a ring around them — preferably in a brightly coloured pen, such as red.

Then simply fill in your name and address on the coupon, cut round the dotted line and send it to Match Weekly Spot the Difference No 21, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

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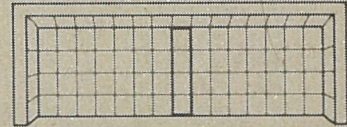
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HIT THE POST

WRITE the four soccer names shown below into the netting (one letter to a square and one name to a line) so that the word TEAM appears reading down the marked column.

But — be careful! We haven't given the names in the right order, and they don't necessarily start in the first column.

PETAR BOROTA
IAN MELLOR
MICK VINTER
DAVE WATSON



PLACE THE FACE

Can you name these players and the clubs they play for?
Answers on page 35.



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ASK US

Neil Meadows of Holyport, Maidenhead, asks:
Could you tell me if anyone has scored a hat-trick of penalties in one match? If so, what was the match, who scored the penalties and when was the match played?
All the following scored from three penalty-kicks in one Football League match: Billy Walker (Aston Villa) v Bradford City, 21 Nov 1921; George Milburn (Chesterfield) v Sheffield Wednesday, 7 June 1947; Charlie Mitten (Manchester United) v Aston Villa, 8 March, 1950; Joe Willetts (Hartlepool United) v Darlington, 23 March 1951; Ken Barnes (Manchester City) v Everton, 7 Dec 1957; Trevor Anderson (Swindon Town) v Walsall, 24 April 1976; and Alan Slough (Peterborough United) v Chester, 29 April 1978.

Dawn Green of Nottingham asks:
Have Notts County ever played Sheffield Wednesday either in a League or Cup match?
They first met in the Football League on Sept 3, 1892, when County lost at home by 1-0 in Division One, and they have met very many times since.

Paul Crosby of York asks:
Which British player has been presented with the most caps for his country?
Bobby Moore, 108 for England, holds the British record for the most appearances in full international matches.

Garry Wallace of Woodford Green, Essex, asks:
Could you please tell me how many games Geoff Hurst played for West Ham, how many goals he scored and when he scored his first League goal?
Geoff Hurst made his Football League debut on February 27, 1960, against Nottingham Forest, scored his first League goal in season 1961-62, and with West Ham United had a complete record of 182 goals in 410 League games, all in Division One, before he was transferred to Stoke City at the end of season 1971-72.

Paul Hayes of Rayleigh, Essex, asks:
Who has scored the most goals in a single game for Newcastle United?
The most goals any player ever scored for Newcastle United in a first team match was six by Len Shackleton v Newport County on 5 October 1946. It was his first match for the club following his £13,000 transfer from Bradford Park Avenue.

Andrew White of Felpham, Bognor Regis asks:
How many full appearances has Brian Horton made for Brighton and Hove Albion.
137 in the Football League to the start of season 1979-80

Kevin Suter of Witney, Oxon, asks:
How many appearances did Jimmy Dickinson make for Portsmouth and how many goals did he score?
Jimmy Dickinson made a total of 764 Football League appearances with Portsmouth between seasons 1946-47 and 1964-65 inclusive, his goals in those matches totalling nine.

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Boca shocker

THE BIGGEST shock in Argentine league football this season has been the decline of former world champions Boca Juniors.

Back in 1978, whilst their big Buenos Aires rivals River Plate were providing half the World Cup-winning team, the tough Boca side were lifting the unofficial world club championship with a two-leg victory over Borussia Moenchengladbach.

But now in 1980 they languish at fourth from bottom of the league and face the drop for the first time.

Three years of success ended with the departure of team boss Juan Carlos Lorenzo, a controversial figure, who was replaced by the infamous Antonio Rattin.

Recent wins against Huracan and Union have helped lift morale at Boca and taken them away, just two points away, from the bottom two — but they still face an uphill task.

River, with a team that includes Fillol, Passarella, Luque and Alonso, have spent most of the season scrapping for the leadership.

And they are recovering the form that made them double champions in Argentina last year just in time to confirm a place in



Ribolzi (left) of Boca Juniors, flies into the tackle during his club's bottom of the table clash with All Boys.

the Libertadores' Cup (the South American Champions' Cup), which they badly want to win after an early exit this year.

Argentina's other success has been Velez Sarsfield who have gone further in the Libertadores' Cup than River and look set for a fine season. (Two Champions go through in Argentina because they run two leagues). Velez included former Saint Etienne stopper Osvaldo Piazza in their defence and his experience of European Cup games has been a great help.

Latest positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	22	10	9	3	28	23	29
Platense	22	9	9	4	21	16	27
Argentinos Jr.	21	9	8	4	35	25	26
Talleres	22	8	10	4	31	26	26
Huracan	21	8	8	5	40	29	24
Newell's O.B.	22	9	6	7	40	22	24
Estudiantes	22	6	11	5	22	26	23
Independiente	22	7	8	7	34	33	22
Union Santa Fe	22	9	4	9	29	28	22
Rosario Central	22	7	8	7	21	22	22
Racing	22	5	12	5	20	23	22
Ferrocaril Oeste	22	7	7	8	29	31	21
Colon Santa Fe	22	6	8	8	22	26	20
San Lorenzo	21	5	9	7	23	26	19
Quilmes	22	2	15	5	22	26	19
Boca Juniors	22	6	7	9	25	37	19
Velez Sarsfield	21	6	6	9	19	28	18
Tigre	22	4	9	9	26	34	17
All Boys	22	2	10	10	16	32	14

Leading goalscorers: 19 Maradona (Argentinos Juniors), 13 Sanabria (Huracan), 10 Santamaria (Newells Old Boys).

Diego Maradona's form and goalscoring prowess have been able to keep his unfashionable small club Argentinos Juniors well up in the race despite all the fuss being made about his move to Europe.

And he is always sure to try out something new if given the chance.

Teams of the tournament

BERND Schuster, Cologne's 20-year-old blond midfield player, was Germany's revelation of the European Championships.

He suddenly arrived among the big names of European soccer at a time when some famous reputations began to tarnish with age.

And his bold forceful running pressed him into the popular Team-of-the-Tournament selections made by the national managers not involved in the battle for the Final.

England manager Ron Greenwood picked Schuster for his best team in a midfield that included Keegan and Italy's Antognoni, the host country's most gifted player now that Causio and Bettenga have slipped



Bernd Schuster — Ron Greenwood's choice.

from their best.

Greenwood's team: Clemence or Shilton, Briegel, Kaltz, Watson, Collovati, Schuster, Keegan, Antognoni, Hrubesch, Ceulemans, Rummenigge.

Italy's boss Enzo Bearzot picked: Clemence, Kaltz, Gerets, Krol, Watson, Wilkins, Zamora, Keegan, Hansi Muller, Rummenigge, Nehoda.

MARADONA ACCUSED!



ARGENTINA'S Diego Maradona, the 19-year-old wonder boy who has been widely acclaimed as the most exciting player in the world, is in big trouble at home in Buenos Aires.

The chunky and speedy goalscorer appeared in court in the Argentine capital last week accused of assault on a young fan who asked him for his autograph.

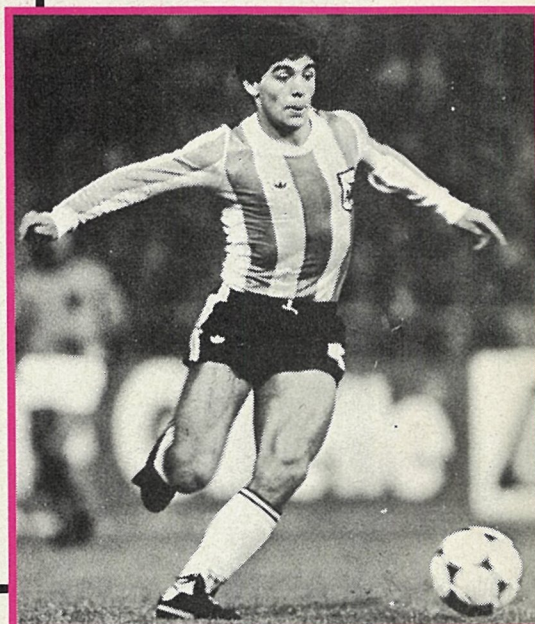
The bad news for Maradona fans at his club Argentinos Juniors of Buenos Aires was slightly sweetened with the

knowledge that he is not, after all the wrangles and big-money arguments, likely to sign for the Spanish giants Barcelona.

A deal between the Argentinian Football Association, a well-known sports clothing manufacturer and Maradona's club — altogether worth nearly £2 million — was due to be signed by the wonder boy before his court appearance.

Maradona was alleged to have struck the 15-year-old fan after a game in Buenos Aires on June 12 when the boy suggested that he was too important to sign his name properly after Maradona had scribbled his autograph.

Right: Argentinian wonder-boy Diego Maradona — accused of assault on a young fan.



Roma target

GERMANY'S polished sweeper Uli Stielike is the latest target for lira-laden Italian clubs now that the Italian league is open to foreign players.

The Real Madrid man, who recently declared himself happy enough to sign a new contract for another two years in Spain, is the player Roma want as their imported star for the new season.

If Stielike took the unlikely route into Italian football he would become the fourth major star to move during the summer.

But it is more than likely that he will stay in Spain and, like Rudi Krol before him, give the Italians a polite but firm refusal.

Austrian midfielder Herbert Prohaska has signed for Inter Milan, Daniel Bertoni, Argentina's goalscoring winger in the 1978 World Cup, has moved from Sevilla to Fiorentina to team up with Giancarlo Antognoni. And Dutch defender Michel Van de Korput has moved from Feyenoord to Torino, for a fee of around £480,000.

Poles depart

POLAND beat Iraq 3-0 in a friendly held in Warsaw before leaving for their summer tour of South America in preparation for the qualifying round games for the 1982 World Cup.

Playing without Zmuda Boniek, whom Juventus are moving heaven and earth for in an effort to sign him for their team next season, the Poles won comfortably with goals from Kmiecik, Lato and Iwan.

On tour they are scheduled to play Brazil twice, Bolivia and Colombia.

Bru-no!

BRUNO Giordano, the highly-rated Italian striker with Lazio, has turned down the chance to make the move up north to join AC Milan.

Giordano, who is generally accepted as the deputy to Rossi for the national side when both men are available following their suspensions due to the Totonero bribery scandal, said he preferred to stay in Rome where he understands and enjoys life.

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THE SAVE that took Norwich to Wembley . . . that's how Kevin Keelan's epic stop against Manchester United in the 1975 League Cup semi-final will go down in history.

Only six minutes remained with Norwich leading 1-0 in the second leg and 3-2 on aggregate when Manchester United won a corner and threw everybody forward.

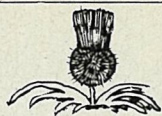
The ball was headed on to little Lou Macari standing unmarked on the six-yard line. Macari guided his header towards Keelan's top left hand corner and the United faithful were already jumping for joy. Keelan was rooted to his line but miraculously jack-knifed to claw the ball away for a corner.

Carrow Road breathed again as Lou Macari cursed his luck. There were no more scares around Keelan's goal and the Norwich supporters went home dreaming about Wembley — and talking about that save.

Keelan's luck ran out, however, in the League Cup Final against Aston Villa. He managed to save Ray Graydon's penalty but watched in despair as the player followed up to collect the rebound off the post and score the only goal of the game.

**match
action**

RUSSELL OSMAN
Ipswich and England



Rarin' to go!

Airdrie can't wait to hit the big time again

WHILE most clubs are only just getting down to their training schedules for the new season newly promoted Airdrie have been hard at work for three weeks now.

The little part-time Lanarkshire club have been training four nights a week and are determined to make an impression on the big guns in their first excursion into the big time since they were downgraded in the reshuffle which resulted in the Premier League in 1974.

Broomfield is not the easiest ground in the world to play on. It's small, it's tight and the fans can be the fiercest in the business. In the season just finished the Diamonds, in fact, defeated both Celtic and Rangers and won three out of four league meetings with the Old Firm.

But even that did not keep the demanding supporters happy.

Manager Bobby Watson, himself a local lad who played for the club before joining Rangers and Motherwell, is optimistic about the year ahead.

"I'm a bit thin on the ground for players," he says.

"We have a staff of 16 and ideally I need a defender, midfield player and forward. But in our situation you cannot pay big money. I have to think in terms of £10,000 not £100,000.

"However, we are in a happier position than a lot of clubs. Among the players who have accepted new contracts are striker Sandy Clark, winger Willie McGuire and midfielder player Ian Gordon. And when it comes to fitness we will be as sharp as any going."

A lot rests on the slim shoulders of striker Sandy Clark. Last year his 22 goals played a big part in winning promotion



Airdrie manager Bobby Watson (left) with two of his star players Ian Gordon (centre) and Sandy Clark.

and Airdrie have held off big bids including one of £100,000 from Hibs.

Clark is the manager of a finance company and did not seem especially interested in switching to full-time status.

Few Premier clubs will relish taking on Airdrie on their own patch. Tremendous battlers, they are also backed by one of the most vitriolic set of fans in the business. As one of their former players says 'they are a great bunch to have behind you when

you are three goals up — but heaven help you if you are one down.

"And if that's how they treat teams they support think about how they react to the opposition."

Manager Bobby Watson was so concerned about their response to some adverse results last season that he invited anyone with a complaint to meet him personally at the ground the next Sunday. One fan turned-up!

Pen Pals

I'M a great fan of Wolves and would like a boy penfriend who supports Wolves and is between 10 and 13. I like playing football and collecting football cards. I also like tennis, cricket and snooker.

Philip Horler (aged 10) 5 Springfield Road, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP14 3QR.

I WOULD like a boy or girl penpal who lives in England. I play and watch a lot of football. I support Spurs and like pop music, especially Police and Thin Lizzy.

Pauric McGowan (aged 15) Monien, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim, Eire.

I WOULD like a boy penfriend aged about 11 from Holland, who speaks and writes English if possible as I'm not very good

at Dutch. My hobbies are football, cricket and cycling. I support Burnley and Arsenal. Duncan Tyman, 147 Woodgrove Road, Burnley, Lancs.

I AM a Liverpool fan and would like to have a boy penpal aged between 12 and 13 who has the same hobbies as me, football, basketball and collecting programmes.

Paul Morris, 9 Wester Broom Grove, Edinburgh.

I AM a Liverpool fan from Hong Kong who would like to correspond with other fans in England and Europe. I am 16 years old and play field hockey. My other favourite teams are New York Cosmos, Ajax, Arsenal and FC Cologne. I also have photographs of Kevin Keegan, Hamburg and Cosmos to swap for programmes and pictures of my favourite teams. Yvonne Ou, 5 Cliffside, King's Park Rise, Kowloon, Hong Kong.





Arthur Duncan . . . dash for cash.

Hibs dash

HIBERNIAN have come up with an unusual idea for their July 20 open day. Speedy full back Arthur Duncan will take on former world professional champion George McNeil in a specially arranged one-hundred yard sprint. At stake is a prize of £100.

Options open

CELTIC midfielder star Tommy Burns is likely to start the new season on the option period of his contract.

Burns, who is 23 and has recently married, has been at Parkhead for five years. He has twice been offered new terms but in each case has rejected the offer. Also holding out for a new deal is centre half Roddy McDonald.

International winger Davy Provan, however, has just signed a new four year contract which ends the speculation that he plans to move south.

Dons award

ABERDEEN boss Alex Ferguson has picked up yet another award — from the Scottish anti-smoking campaign called 'Ash.'

Neither the Dons boss nor any of his Championship winning team smokes.

LEFT: Roddy McDonald (left) in action against Rangers Derek Johnstone. Roddy's hoping for a new deal. (See 'Options open')

Syne joins jet-setters

GLASGOW referee David Syne has again joined the jet set.

Syne, a grade one referee and recently a member of the three man team at the European Championship in Italy, is now in the middle of a five week stint in the North American Soccer League.

Syne, who is 30, made the transatlantic trip last year and when he was invited back was delighted to accept.

"I receive £100 a game and I'm guaranteed four games a week. My wife and family have a luxury apartment and we have a car at our disposal. We even get a daily allowance for food."

The big problem in the States is the amount of travel and when a ref goes on the circuit he can be away from home for a week at a time so it is for that reason most of the whistlers are full time.

One asset that Syne is not so sure about is the use of television evidence against a referee. It is possible for a club to lodge a protest against a refereeing decision and then have the complaint considered on what the television re-run shows.

Thistle move for McVie

PARTICK Thistle, scrambling to get a squad together after the departure of Colin McAdam, Jim Melrose and Brian Whittaker have now moved their attention to Willie McVie of Toronto Blizzards.

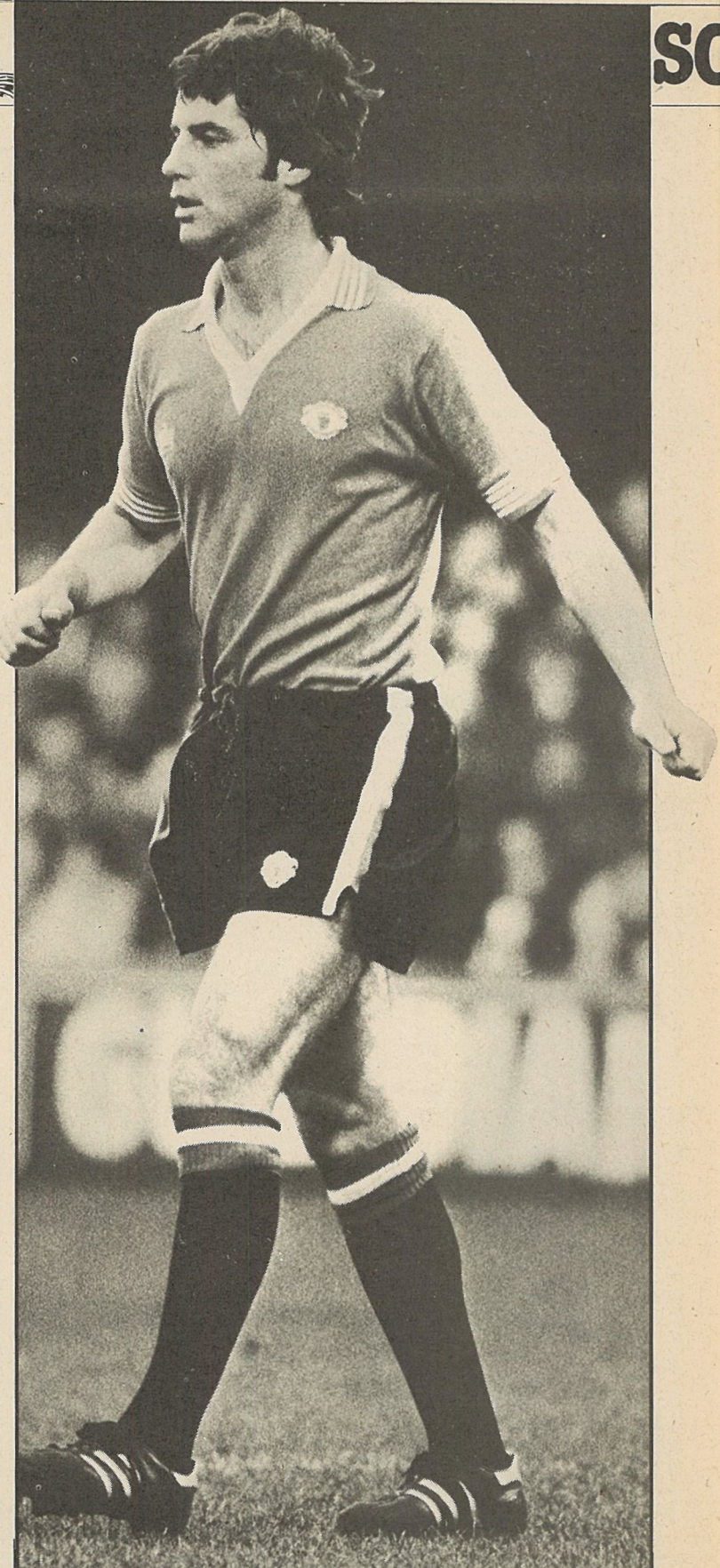
The giant centre back had a spell with Clyde and Motherwell before moving to Canada. In his time in Scotland he was also in a lot of trouble with referees for his tough tackling.

Ramsey — new name to watch

CRAIG Ramsey may be a new name to most Scottish fans but he is a player of whom they can expect to hear a lot more.

Ramsey is a 17 year old striker with Lincoln City who on recommendation of manager Colin Murphy has joined the Scottish professional youth squad.

Lincoln spotted the Dumbarton born youngster in Gibraltar when he played against them for a local select team last summer. Since then he has been scoring regularly for the side.



Martin Buchan
Manchester United and Scotland

Saints out — Rangers in

ST MIRREN will not be defending the Anglo-Scottish Cup they won so handsomely last season.

With Aberdeen qualifying for the European Champions Cup, and league runners-up Celtic landing the Cup Winners' Cup slot, Saints step in for UEFA Cup action, and so rule themselves out of the scrap between English and Scottish clubs.

Rangers take their place and are hotly tipped to keep the trophy north of the border, though Bristol City — beaten finalists last season — are

determined not to let it slip this time.

Sixteen teams have been invited to compete in four groups for four quarter-final places in England, while the Scottish clubs battle it out over two legs on a knock-out basis.

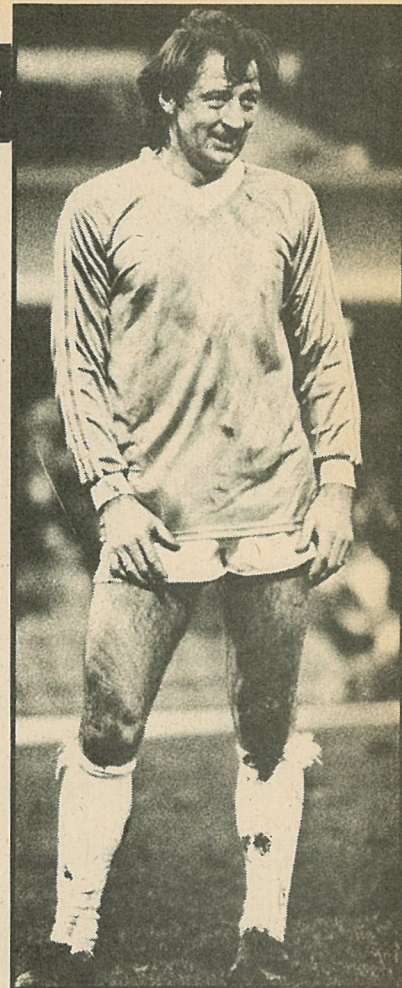
The qualifying tournament in England runs between July 26 and August 6, while in Scotland the two legs are set for July 30 and August 6.

England: Group 1 — Carlisle v Blackpool v Blackburn v Preston. Group 2 — Burnley v Oldham v

Shrewsbury v Bury. Group 3 — Sheffield United v Hull v Grimsby v Chesterfield. Group 4 — Bristol City v Fulham v Notts County v Orient.

Scotland: Rangers v Partick Thistle, Falkirk v Morton, Kilmarnock v East Stirling, Airdrie v Hearts.

The quarter-finals and semi-finals run in line with European ties on September 17 and October 1, and October 22 and November 5. The final, also over two legs, will be on November 26, and December 10.



Above: Happy families — new Everton signing Jim McDonagh with wife Sue and daughter Amy.

Right: Ron Green — fighting to get fit after an operation. He is pictured with his Match Weekly 'Player of the Month' award from last season.

Everton capture McDonagh

IN A BID to add some consistency to his defence, Everton boss Gordon Lee has signed Jim McDonagh, Bolton's only ever-present last season, for £250,000.

Six-foot tall Rotherham born McDonagh, who made 121 appearances for his home town club before joining Bolton after a spell on loan to Manchester United, played 162 times for the Burnden Park club.

He is likely to make his debut in the friendly match at Port Vale on July 30.

McDonagh is pictured with his wife Sue and two-year-old daughter Amy at Goodison Park after the signing.



Hooliganism costs Scots clubs £20,000

CELTIC and Rangers paid dearly for the hooligan element of their fans when they were each fined £20,000 by the Scottish F.A. for the 'battle of Hampden Park' after the Scottish Cup Final on May 10.

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Green in race against time

WALSALL'S young goalkeeper, Ron Green, who finally broke through into the first team last season, is now racing against time in a bid to get fit for the new campaign.

Green had an emergency operation after being struck down by a mystery bone infection soon after returning from a holiday with his Walsall

team colleagues in Magaluf, Majorca.

Surgeons had to drain poison away from near his groin and that put him on crutches for about three weeks.

He said: "I've got to visit the hospital once a week. I've lost nearly three stone in weight and if I make the start of the season it will be a tremendous bonus."

Birthday blues

STEVE Wright, Colchester United's young defender, is expected to be out of action for three months. Wright celebrated his 21st birthday in a Colchester hospital with suspected jaundice.

United boss Bobby Roberts said doctors were not too sure of the illness but they were fairly certain it was some type of jaundice picked up on the club's recent tour of America.

When Roberts heard the news

Put the fun back in football

says Frank Worthington

FEAR of disciplinary action is driving the fun out of football, says Birmingham striker Frank Worthington.

The former Leicester and Bolton scorer had one of the worst disciplinary records in the Second Division last season. And one of the key reasons, he claims, is that a lot of humour has gone out of the game.

"I like to win like the next

Left: Frank Worthington . . . plea to see the funny side.

player but I feel too many people are taking the game too seriously," explained Worthington.

"I must try and do something about it but the trouble is that referees think that whenever you speak to them you are undermining their authority.

"In many cases it is often a jocular remark but these people cannot see the funny side of my comments.

"My biggest fear is that the few characters left in the game will become extinct because of the fear of getting into trouble with match officials."

Almost all of Worthington's bookings were received for comments made to referees and in this way he has become a marked man.

"Obviously I will be trying my hardest to keep out of trouble and improve my image because this is going to be an important time for Birmingham City, especially as we play Forest, Liverpool and United in the first three weeks of the season.

"But it's against my nature to be too serious, so I hope First Division referees will try and see the funny side more often."

'Japan — a future power'

LOOK out for Japan challenging for the 2002 World Cup!

That's no idle propaganda from the fast emerging business centre of the Far East, it's a warning shot from one of the First Division's most experienced managers.

Middlesbrough boss John Neal has just returned from the land of the rising sun, where his team won a prestigious tournament and learned a great deal about the future powers of football.

He told MATCH WEEKLY: "I

have no doubt Japan will become a world force in football inside 20 years.

"As is their nature in other things, they copy so well and in football terms they are learning fast. We beat a Japanese FA team 2-1 — David Hodgson scored two — but they really impressed me.

"We played China as well in the tournament and beat them 3-1. They, too will be a force, although I feel it will take them a little longer."

Neal explained that the tournament, in which Middlesbrough also beat Argentina Juniors (without the services of Diego Maradona) 4-0 with goals from Bosco Jankovic, Willie Woof, David Shearer and Graeme Hedley and then beat Espanol in the final on penalties, was a marvellous experience.

"There was great pressure on us to win. We were representing England and that was a big responsibility," added Neal.

"But it was a good job done. The lads were a credit to me and a credit to their country."



David Hodgson . . . two goals against the Japanese.

MATCH NEWS

Scots classic?

ABERDEEN and Celtic look set for a classic confrontation at Hampden Park on August 2 — before the season begins in earnest.

The draw for the prestigious Drybrough Cup tournament — matching the top scoring teams in the three Scottish leagues — has kept the big two apart. Sadly the holders, Rangers — 3-1 conquerors of Celtic in the final last season — failed to finish among the top four Premier scorers last season, so missing the chance to defend their crown.

Semi-final draw: Morton or Albion Rovers v Aberdeen or Airdrie; St Mirren or Falkirk v Celtic or Ayr. First round matches on July 26.

Semi-finals on July 30.

Osborne 'no' to Blades

ROGER Osborne — who has failed to regain a regular place at Ipswich since scoring their FA Cup-winning goal against Arsenal in 1978 — has turned down a £40,000 move to Sheffield United.

Ipswich men on offer

TWO more players have joined the "on-offer" list at Portman Road. Noel Parkinson has refused a new contract and is available at £100,000. Striker Robin Turner is valued at £50,000 more by manager Bobby Robson.

Hunter booster

KEVIN Beattie has stepped aside to give team-mate Allan Hunter a big boost to his testimonial season.

In the normal course of events at Portman Road it should have been Beattie's year. But the former England international defender has let 35-year-old Hunter move in ahead of him to have the benefit of what could well be his last season at the top as a player. The move has FA approval.

Meanwhile the ever-youthful looking George Burley is looking ahead to his testimonial. He has just signed a four-year-contract at Portman Road which takes him up to his testimonial year.

for Steve

he stepped up his interest in young Ipswich defender Nigel Crouch and eventually got him on a free transfer.

Roberts said: "Signing Crouch will give us six defenders and will mean complete cover at the back which we didn't have last season.

"Crouch is very composed on the ball, is good in the tackle and I'm sure he can do a good job for us."

NEXT WEEK



Alan Young — the subject of our Matchmaker colour feature next week.

'Why the ironing board is so important to my pre-match ritual.'

Alan Young

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Cassette winner

WINNER of the Spot the Difference No 18 and cassette radio was Paul Williams, Bedford, Beds.

The five runners-up, who each receive a top quality leather football, were: Gary Martin, Chatham, Kent; David Wood, Redish, Stockport; Anthony Milkins, Downend, Bristol; S. Donoughue, London NW5 1ES; Lee Eccles, Craig-Y-Don, Llandudno, N. Wales.

SOLUTIONS to Spot the Difference No 18:

1. Can now missing off grass.
2. Moon on flag now all black.
3. Doc written on case.
4. Extra dot on ball.
5. Player on the right now has moustache.
6. Tuft of grass grown round post.
7. Player on left now has black collar.
8. Trainer's mouth now turned

down.

9. Hat in crowd now has dark stripe.
10. Toilet roll appeared in goalmouth.

WINNERS of Crossword No 40, who each receive a football, were:— Andrew Johnson, Great Clacton, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex; David O'Neill, London N7; Andrew Bennett, Hednesford, Staffs; Alen Roberts, West Derby, Liverpool, Merseyside; Kerry Mitchell, Southwick, Sussex.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS No 40

ACROSS: 1 Stuart Pearson, 7. Avi Cohen, 11. O'Hare, 12. Cherry, 13. Cup, 15. Stoke, 17. Money, 18 (and 2 down) Leeds United, 19. Brawl, 20. Silkman, 21. Ormsby, 25. Sandy Jardine.
DOWN: 1. Stan Cummins, 3. Rio, 4. PNE, 5. Osman, 6. Stevens, 8. Hayes, 9. Nicholas, 10. Coppell, 14. Jeff King,

16. Regis, 19. Brady, 22. Reds, 23. Bees, 24. Fan.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Alan Devonshire, 2. A.C. Milan, 3. Bob Paisley, 4. Billy Hamilton, 5. Eintracht Frankfurt, 6. a) Darlington, b) Mansfield Town, c) Alloa Athletic, 7. Peterborough, 8. Hull City, 9. Garrincha, 10. Holland, 11. Clyde, 12. Mario Kempes, 13. Hereford United, 14. Bert Trautman, 15. Bath City.

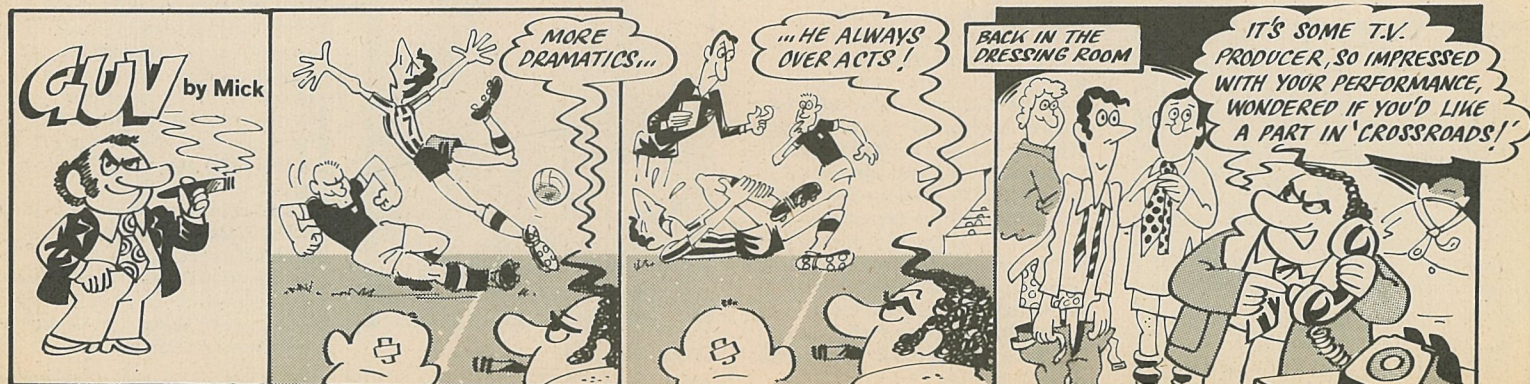
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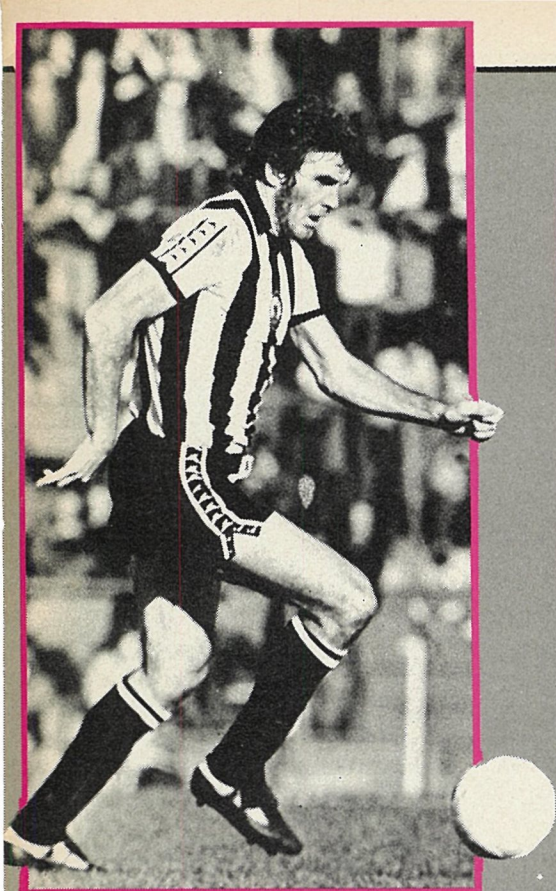
Stafford; Darran Smith, 63 North View, Swanley, Kent; L. McConnell, 9 Goliath Close, Roundshaw, Wallington, Surrey.

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Derrel Fletcher, 79 Bernice St, Bolton, Lancs; Chris Bugeja, 12 Clarendon Rd, Leytonstone, London E11; Gavin Roberts, 12 Eastleigh, Skelmersdale, Lancs; Gordon Pepper, 20 St Palladius Terrace, Dalry, Strathclyde; L. Keates, 23 Blithe Meadow Drive, Sprowston, Norwich.





Peter Withe

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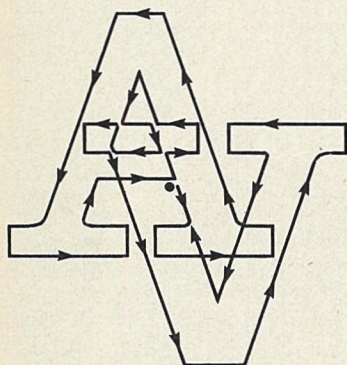
Peter Withe, Aston Villa's record £500,000 signing, talks frankly to Match Weekly next week about his hopes for the future at his new club.

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MARRIED: No

CAR: MG in Harvest Gold

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None, joined Stoke from

Nutton County Secondary School,

Newcastle-under-Lyme

NICKNAME: 'Inchie'

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(Argentina), Wilson (England); Brady (Eire), Ball

(England), Ardiles (Argentina); Keegan

(England), Cruyff (Holland), Kempes (Argentina)

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUNDS: Old Trafford,

Villa Park

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU

HAVE PLAYED: Haarlem, Holland

BEST GOAL SCORED: I beat David Stewart with

a 25 yard half-volley in a Central League Reserve

game at West Brom

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Terry McDermott's

goal from a pass by Ray Kennedy in the Charity

Shield last year

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Graham Rix.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our 1-1 draw with

Forest when Garry Birtles equalised in the dying

minutes for them

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:

Running out at Old Trafford in front of

53,000. I was so excited, the occasion

almost overwhelmed me

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to

Watford in the League Cup quarter-final

second leg in extra time

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, squash.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving, good music

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, long

journeys, bad referees

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Rich Man, Poor Man.

Sports programmes

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGERS: Billy Joel,

Barry Manillo, Beatles, Electric Light Orchestra

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Oliver Reed,

Dustin Hoffman, Merrill Streep

BEST FILM SEEN: China Syndrome

BEST FRIEND: Jeff Cook

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Crotty,

my school P.E. teacher

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:

Inconsistent referees, bad fouls

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: Play for England

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I'd like to stay in the

game as a coach

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: David McAughtrie,

Stoke's reserve centre-half

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Ilie

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